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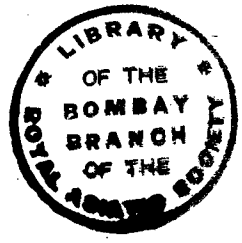

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PREFACE.

THIS volume is a compilation of all letters and papers received from the East India House during the period 1681—1686. As far as possible the text follows the original papers contained in Vols. III to VII of Despatches from England; and the documents are printed in the order in which they are found in the manuscript volumes. Wherever documents are omitted as being duplicates of letters appearing elsewhere, notes have been inserted giving the necessary references and particulars as to where those documents are printed. Of the five manuscript volumes III to VII included in this compilation, volumes IV and VI are apparently contemporary copies made in Fort St. George, and the other three are files of original letters and papers bound as they were received here at the time. The only volume affected by age is Vol. III containing documents for the years 1680—1683. The paper having become brittle, portions of these documents are missing in many places. The other four volumes are in a good state of preservation.

H. DODWELL,

4th April 1916. *Curator, Madras Record Office.*

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15. Indulgence to Owners & Comanders &c.
16. List of Bullion ship'd by permission.
17. List of goods wanting in Bailes.
2. 18. Agent Gyffords Comission.
3. 19. D° Agent Instructions.
20. List of Private Trade Goods laden on y^e^ : 5 Ships.
21. Cap^t^ : Goldsbroughs Dispatch.
1. 22. His Ma^ties^ : letter.

[*Endorsed* :] List of the Pacquett by the Bengall Merchant $\frac{1\ 6\ 8\ 0}{8\ 1}$.—Rec^d^ : 3 July 1681.

[Note.—The following papers have been omitted (*vide* note on p. 1) :—

From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 15th March 1680/1, pp. 73–76 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 41–42 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 22nd April 1680/1 and duplicate, pp. 77–80 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 52–53 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Chief and Council at the Bay, dated 22nd April 1680/1, pp. 81–84 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 48–50 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 20th May 1681, pp. 85–88 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 53–54 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Chief and Council, Hughly, dated 20th May 1681, pp. 89–92 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 50–51 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 22nd July 1681 and duplicate, pp. 93–100 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 54–56 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Chief and Council, Hughly, dated 22nd July 1681, pp. 101–104 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 51–52 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.]

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* London, 8^th^ : of February 1681.

Our Chief & ffactors
at Madapollam.

Wee have yours of the 5^th^ : May by the Eagle, but she arriveing so late with us, that her Goods are not yet landed, we can pass no approbaçon or Censure of them, Of that you shall hear from us hereafter.

But upon perusall of the Copy of your Consultaçons as you call them we observe great slightnes and deficiency, as you will hear more particularly from our Agent and Councill, whom we ordered to see all things kept up to that good method as was observed in the begining of M^r^ Hattons Chiefship there.

Inclosed we send you a List such goods as are to be provided at your place, & Metchlepatam concerning which we require your exact pursuance of all Such orders as you shall receive from our Agent and Councill, and particularly that your Cloth be well sorted, and the full quantities of every kind provided.

If you knew or can discover any persons belonging to the Dutch East India Company that do in any kind Countenance or assist the English Interlopers, whether they be Dutchmen or Natives belonging to that Comp^a^ : give us an acco^t^, of their names, We being well assured, That the Comittees in Holland, will do us and themselves right, in ruining any such treacherous servants of theirs in India (the English Interlopers being not less prejudiciall to their Interest than to ours) Of which the Dutch Embassador here, and the Bewinthebbers in Holland are sufficiently Sensible.

And if you Suspect any belonging to the Dutch, you may acquaint them beforehand, of what we have writt in the foregoing Paragraph that they do not

* This is a duplicate of a letter of the same date in the previous volume, page 93, with the two last paragraphs in addition.

ignorantly draw mischief upon themselves. And soe wee comitt you to the protection of the Almighty & remaine

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends
Jos^{A} : Child Govr:
Tho: Papillon Depy :
Jn^{o}: Lawrence.

Ja: Edwards.

Sam : Barnardiston.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Ri : Hutchinson.
Edward Rudge.

Jn^{o} : Morden.

Tho : Canham.

Joseph Herne.
Jam : Ward.

[*Endorsed* :] 8th: February 1681—Companies Generall to Madapollam—Entered ℔ J^{n} : W.

[Note.—The following papers have been omitted (*vide* note on p. 1) :—

From the Company to the Chief and Factors, Madapollam, dated 8th February 1681, pp. 109–112 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 93 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

Order of the King in Council, dated 19th October 1681, pp. 113–116 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 94 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

Order of the Court of Committees, dated 30th November 1681, pp. 117–120 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 94 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

Lists of the packets per the Resolution etc, N.D. pp. 121–131 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 96–98 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent & Cl, F.S.G. (With list of goods to be provided), dated 18th November 1681 and duplicate, pp. 132–175 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 56–69 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

Bond of Valentine Cullen, N.D., pp. 176–79 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 94–95 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Ag^{t} & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 30th November 1681, pp. 180–83 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 69 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Ag^{t} & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 30th December 1681 and duplicate, pp. 184–91 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 70 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Ag^{t} & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 18th January 1681, pp. 192–95 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 70–71 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Ag^{t} & C^{l}, Bengal, dated 18th January 1681, pp. 196–99 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 90–91 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

Order of the Court of Committees, dated 25th January 1681/2, pp 200–03 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 71 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 8th February 1681 and duplicate, pp. 204–11 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 71–74 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 15th February 1681, pp. 212–13 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 74–75 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 10th March 1681, pp. 213–19 of the original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 76–78 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agent & C^{l}, F.S.G., dated 24th March 1681, pp. 220–21 of the original Vol. III *Vide* p. 78 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.]

London, Y^{e} 1st. May 1682.

Our Agent & Councill at
Fort S^{t}. George.

You cannot but have heard y^{e} Rumors that have of late been spread abroad of the attempts made against this Company by y^{e} Levant Merchants & others that favour y^{e} Interlopeing Trade, and of the great subscriptions for a new East India Stock to be managed by other hands, in order to y^{e} desolveing of this present Company. All w^{ch}. matters haveing been debated before his Majesty, and the Lords of the Privy Councill yesturday at Windsor, His Ma^{ty}. has been pleased So farr gratiously to incline to y^{e} support and maintenance of this Company as now established by his Royall Charter, and so well to approve of o^{r}. managem^{t}. of the India Trade, as will for the future Silence all clamors & pretences, That can be alledged to o^{r}. prejudice, In somuch as there is nothing that Wee can modestly aske for y^{e} incouragem^{t}. of our Commerce in India, which his Ma^{ty}. will not be pleased readily to grant us, So high an Esteeme & acceptance have o^{r}. indeavors mett wth. from his Majesty; who will by noe meanes check y^{e} present flourishing

condiĉon of o^{r}. affaires, unto which y^{e} Almighty has been pleased to cowne [*sc*
with success, This Wee thought fitt to acquaint you withall, & would have you
the first conveniency to comunicate y^{e} same to all o^{r}. Factories on y^{e} Coast & Ba
and Bantam, as also to all subordinate Factories, and likewise to o^{r}. Comand
and officers.

Wee received yours of y^{e} 29th. of August last overland, and are glad to hear
the safe arrivall of our Agent &c ffactors & doe promise o^{r}. selves wth. Goods [*sc*
blessing extraordinary Success from yo^{r}. prudent & faithfull managery, y^{e} wrathe
for y^{t} it pleased y^{e} divine Providence to arrive you in so seasonable tim
Wee would have you write to Hugly & order them to send us over & above
former list 10000 p^{s}. of broad blew Ginghams of y^{e} ordinary sort. Wee remai

Your loveing Friends
[Jos^{A} Child Gov^{r}.]

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to Fort S^{t}. George dated ꝑ^{mo} May 1682.-
Rec^{d} Via Surratt y^{e} ꝑ^{mo} Ap^{ll}. 1683—N^{o}. 2—Ent ꝑ E. Dutton.

[Note.—The following papers have been omitted (*vide* note on page 1) :—

Company's Commission to W^{m} Hedges, dated 14th November 1681, pp. 226–29 of the original Vol. II *Vide* pp. 98–99 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Ag^{t} & Council, Bay of Bengal, dated 18th November 1681, pp. 230–41 of t original Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 81–88 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Chief & Factor, Metchlepatam, dated 8th February 1681, pp. 242–45 of t original Vol. III. *Vide* p. 91 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Chief & Factor, Madapollam, dated 8th February 1681, pp. 246–49 of the origin Vol. III. *Vide* p. 93 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.

From the Company to the Agt & Council, Hughly, dated 10th March 1681, pp. 250–53 of the original Vol. II *Vide* pp. 91–92 of Desp. from England, 1680–82, printed.]

Our Agent & Council at Fort [S^{t}] George. London, 25th: March 1682.

Wee have this day mett with an Informaĉon that We can rely uopn. Tha
all y^{e} Interlopers that will trouble us in India this year are but 4 Viz^{t}: Macock
& Foster; Masters of a Pinck, & a small Shipp about 120 tons each, and Dorrel
Command^{r} of the Crown. Tho. Pitts Sup^{r} Cargo of all those three, and al
intended for the Bay, Soe that you will be troubled wth. none on y^{e} Coast o
Choromandell or Porto Nova, wherefore our express order is, That you imediately
on receipt of this, Send Cap^{t}. Wilshaw to y^{e} Bay, being a man of hon^{r} & integrity
of whose faithfullness, Wee have a more than ordinary confidence, and know t
be too honest & too wise, to be suborned or braved, by that huffing Knave
Pitts; Write to our Agent at Hughly to dispatch Cap^{t}. Wilshaw soe early, that
he may be sure to save his Monsoones home, and that if some Shipp must stay t
make a Winter Voyage besides the Society, it be sure not to be y^{e} Resolution
whereof y^{e} said Cap^{t}. Wilshaw is Command^{r}.

If alley should returne againe for Porto Nova, it will not be but only for
Winter Shipp, 4 or 5 months hence; Long before w^{ch}. wee hope you will have
setled a Factory there in honest hands.

Your Loveing friends
Jos^{A} Child Govr.
Tho: Papillon Dep^{y}.
Joseph Ashe.
Jn^{o}: Lawrence.
Ja: Edwards.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Joseph Herne.

Tho: Canham.
Ri. Hutchinson.

Will^{m}. Sedgwick.
John du Bois.
Jn^{o}: Morden.
Jam: Ward.
Edward Rudge.
Jn^{o} Cudworth.

[*Endorsed*:] 25th. March 1682—Companies Gen^{ll}. to Fort S^{t}. George ꝑ
Persia Merchant—Rec^{d} y^{e} 22nd May 1683 ꝑ the Advice Pinke—N^{o}. 1—Ent^{d}.
E. Dutton.

[Note.—The following paper has been omitted (*vide* note on p. 1):—
From St Josia Child to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 26th May 1682, pages 258–261 of the origina
Vol. III. *Vide* pp. 78–80 of Despatches from England, 1680–82, printed.]

Our Agent & Councill at
Fort St. George. London, the 5th July 1682.

Herewith you have copies of our last letters to you: Now we have only to acquaint you that Alley hath brought a great Irish Ship, and intends this winter to saile for your Coast againe, hoping for better Success then he had last time; but we are of opinion, it will prove much worse if you have well settled Porto Nova and the adjacent places, which we Cannot doubt. (Wee have Seriously Considered the advantage of our ffort and Towne of Madrasspatam, and all that numerous people under our Governmt: there, and upon a serious Consideracon, we being their Governors: and Legislators: doe hereby constitute and ordaine that noe persons liveing or residing within our Goverm^t: there shall aske demand or receive directly or indirectly from and after Six months from the promulgation of this lawe, from & any person liveing or resideing within our said towne or goverm^t: above y^e rate of 9 ℔ Cent ℔ ann^m for the Interest or loan, of any money or goods upon the pain or penalty of extortian: which is forfiture of money or goods soe sent to the borrower and a moderate fine to us for the offence, and [wee] doe hereby order you to promulge this law in such usuall manner as in like cases, that none of our people may pretend Ignorance thereof, And we recomend it to your Assideous Care to cause this law to be put in effectuall Execution; there being nothing in our opinions, that can more highly Conduce to the making of any place great rich populous and consequently powerfull, tho' it may run counter to the private Interest of some ℔ticular persons, whoe being but a handfull with respect to the multitude are not to be regarded in the making of lawes.)

Wee shall send you one or two early Ships, this year which are to depart Gravesend by the 14th: of August next, Soe that you would doe well to be provided for them.

(Wee wrote you earnestly last year to sett affoote some linen manufactors: which we doe still desire for the reason then given you, some have tould us, that yor people cannot weave linen cloth [because] the heate of y^e country by y^e working of y^e loomes will sett [there] webb on fire, if that be soe, you may however provide linen yarne of Severall sorts & degrees off finest & coursest it would [much] help to fill up our Ships and sett our Weavours: on worke hear and may in time prove, beneffishall Comodity, if your people weare once in the way off it, it cannot be Immagined what vast quantityes thereof would vent in this Kingdome.) Mr Jollife deceased, who was much Conversant in framing the booke of rates in the parlim^t Soone affter his Maties. most happy restoration was wont to Compute the fforeigne linen imported into this Kingdome and expended only in Shifts and sheetes at two Millions of pounds sterling besides the other uses of tabling and Sayle cloth &c^a. send us however for the present a hundred bales of linen yarne of all sorts yearly for a tryall if you can procure soe many.

Wee are in dayly expectation of our Surrat & Coast Ships God sending them to arrive you shall beare againe from us over land. Wee remaine

Yor loveing friends.
Jos^a Child Gov^r.
Berkely.
Joseph Ashe.
John Banks.
Will^m. Sedgwicke.
Joseph Herne.
Francis Tyssen.
Jam. Ward.
Ri. Mountenay.

Je: Sambrooke.

Edward Rudge.
Ri. Hutchinson.
Tho. Dava'll.
Jo. Creed.

POSTCRIPT.

You having effectually stopped the Interlopers out of that hold of Porta Novo & parts adjacent, there are but two places upon your Coast w^ch^. we have cause to doubt they may find some trade at, Viz^t^. Trincombar and Gingerlee of which we have writt you something by our last Shipping. At the former fail not to make such Contract with the Danish Chief and Councill or the Chief Merchants of that place or otherwise find a way to bribe or gratify them that no Interlopers Shalbe able to get a peece of goods there.

At Gingerlee we understand the dutch did not long since settle a ffactory, if you find it for our Service to establish an English ffactory there likewise for prevention of the Interlopers & purchase of goods to inlarge our Investments, We give you leave to do it, with this also that you may for the future expect more favour & Compliance from all the Dutch Companies Servants in India, then ever you formerly had, We being near an Agreem^t^. with y^e^. Dutch Embassador to unite their power to our Wealth in India for the totall Subdueing or at least preventing the desires of all Interlopers & Competitors of our trade in East India.

JOS^A^ CHILD GOV^r^.

RI. MOUNTENEY.

JOSEPH HERNE.
RI. HUTCHINSON.
FRAN. TYSSEN.
WILL^M^. SEDGWICK.
JAM. WARD.

[*Endorsed.*] 5^th^ July 1682—Companies Grall to the Fort—Rec^d^. y^e^ ℔^mo^: August 1683—Via Suratt—N°. 15—Ent^d^. ℔ G. Luckyn.

OUR AGENT & CUNCILL AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE. LONDON, 28 AUG. 1682.

With o^r^ three Suratt Ships arrived the Fleece and this day the George Anne and Cæsar, for which God be praised she brought us your Generall Letter of y^e^ [*lacuna in the original*] January which was greatly to our Statisfaction, in which You give us just Cause not only to approve but to applaud all yo^r^ Proceedings since yo^r^ arrivall in that Place, & are in very good hopes You have finished that Phirmaund for Coyning of Rupees, w^ch^ we hope may prove well worth its Cost.

We can say Little of o^r^ Concerns in the Bay, because we have yet seen neither Letter nor Paper from M^r^ Vincent, but hope the best upon the arrival of y^e^ other 4 Ships w^ch^ we should be exceedingly glad to hear of and hope we shall in Gods due time.

We are sending to you the London w^ch^ we hope may be with You a month or Six weeks before y^e^ ordinary time of o^r^ Ships arrival there we shall order her to be Loaded directly back from your Place, and we hope You will be so well prepar'd for her, as you may be able to give her a present dispatch so as making a Winter Voyage she may be at home here time enough for o^r^ Spring Sale.

We shall be very glad to hear that in Pursuance of o^r^ former order you have found as much incoragem^t^ to settle a Factory at Gingerlee as at Porto Novo & other Places in y^e^ Gingee Country.

We shall likewise be glad to hear that You have created a Banke of Loan, & can take up money for time at 5 or 6 ℔ cent, engaging to keep it for 12 months certain, at Interest, or as much Longer as yo^r^ Lenders please not exceeding so many Years as You shall agree, but this We cannot expect Should be done upon a suddain, or just when You want it, but by degrees & at all Seasons when You abound as well as when You want, otherwise it will not answer to all Peoples occasions nor become a constant Usage w^ch^ is o^r^ Aime.

We do ℔mit to o^r^ Servants All Kind of Trade in India, not excluding ffformosa or China so it be done with their own stocks and duly registered, and o^r^ duties justly paid.

And upon consideracon that a Trade to y^e^ Manillae w^th^ Phillippin Islands, may in time create a greater Vent of English Manufactures, We do not only ℔mit o^r^ Servants to trade thither but give Leave to you & yo^r^ second M^r^ Bigrig or whomsoever else shall be yo^r^ Second in case his of Discease to send for o^r^ acco^t^. to the Value of 8 or 10,000£ ℔ Annum in English Manufactures Long Cloth Sallampores and other proper Goods of that Place to y^e^ Said Manillaes or Phillippin Islands, for w^ch^ upon the Return thereof God sending it Safe back to you, We shall for yo^r^ further encoragem^t^. allow You to take to yo^r^ selves 5^e^ ℔ Cent Commission.

We are very Sensible that English names will not pass in those Spanish Islands much less y^e^ Comp^a^ and therefore, must leave it to yo^r^ Discretion to contrive Disguise and cover that as shall be most for o^r^ Advantage & Security.

We are likewise sensible that under such disguises & by Tradesmen may have greater advantage of deceiving us, then when the Goods return to o^r^ own Views in England, but we have confidence in yo^r^ Integrities & do intend to make You richer in Time by fair just and righteous means than any of yo^r^ Predecesso^rs have attained to, by corrupt and ungodly Gains.

We shall send You as You desire 20 or 30 soldiers & take care that they be lusty Young Fellows, not above 24 years of Age.

We must necessarily and absolutely injoin You, by one means or other to put off all our English Cloth Lead & other Goods, though you do abate something considerable of their Comon Prices, because we shall send You great new stores this Year, being a thing most acceptable to his Ma^ty^: & y^e^ Parliament & indeed to y^e^ Generality of the People of England.

But that which is most materiall to come to yo^r^ Hands, by this overland Conveyance is the enclosed List of Goods to be provided w^th^ in yo^r^ Agency, this ensuing Year, at sight of y^e^ Quantity whereof, you will be surprized, and must needs be greatly encouraged to see o^r^ Resolution of carrying on o^r^ Trade fully, though it may be somwhat to o^r^ Loss, but will certainly prove in y^e^ Conclusion to the confusion of o^r^ unjust and unreasonable Emulato^rs and therefore we must desire you strenuously to set yo^r^. Inventions on Worke how to make a full provision of what we do hereby Order; for w^ch^ You shall neither Want Stock nor shipping to bring it way.

By the Society We sent You a List of the Shipping we [intend for] Your Port this Year, but y^e^ late coming of o^r^ shipping [. . .] may a little change or discompose those Lists, however we shall take care to send You, not less but rather more Tonnage, in y^e^ whole, & the Proporcon between the Agen^t^ in y^e^ Bay & Yours will be much y^e^ same For Answer to y^e^ other Particulars of yo^r^ Letter, we must refer You to o^r^ shipping.

List of Goods to be provided at y^e^ Coast.

Long Cloth Ordinary	140,000	peeces
Long Cloth brown	40,000	,,
Long Cloth fine N° 4.5.	20,000	,,
Long Cloth ordnary without Stifning	10,000	,,
Long Cloth blew	20,000	,,
Sallampores ordnary from N° 3. to N° 10.	168,100	,,
Sallampores N° 18. 19. 20. at y^e^ Last prizes	40,000	,,
Percollaes fine N° 15. 16 if at y^e^ prizes ℔ y^e^ Ships 1680	24,000	,,
if not, but	12,000	,,
Morees N°, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	20,000	,,
Morees N°. 4	4,000	,,
Neckclothes of 16 in a pce	20,000	,,
Neckclothes of 2 y^ds^ long 12 in a pce	4,000	,,

Neckclothes ordnary strip'd w[th] red let halfe y[e] Parcel be white Stripes	300,000	peeces.
Betellees 25 yards Long	12,000	„
Batellees 20 yards Long	15,000	„
Dimitees of y[e] Strongest & finest in 2 or 3 sorts ...	2,000	„
Diapers the like	2,000	„
Cotton Yarn	150	Bales.
Red wood or red Saunders	300	Tons.
Linnen yarn	100	Bales.
Diamonds to y[e] value 30,000£.		

Goods to be Provided at Metchlap[m].

Long Cloth, ordnary white such as ℔ Joanna N°. 10, 11, 12, 13	60,000	peeces.
Long Cloth fine N°. 2, 3, 4 ℔ D°. Ship	8,000	„
Sallampores fine	32,000	„
Sallampores Ordnary	32,000	„
Percollaes fine of Pettipole	16,000	„
Book Percollaes	8,000	„
Percollaes the finest sorts, made into chints 8[yds] long and full yard wide, the ground to be green purple red and some white the painting to be very curious with variety of Colours	4,000	„
Gulcondah [or] Pettipolee course paintings, Cloth to be new and the ground white	15,000	„
Ginghams White	14,000	„
Ginghams brown	6,000	„
Izarees	10,000	„
Oringal Betellees	30,000	„
Betellees to a Pattern sent	10,000	„
Gulchondah Betellees very fine thin and clear ...	6,000	„
Allejahaes	24,000	„
Saderuncheras	20,000	„
Colloway Poos	20,000	„
Sacerguntees	20,000	„
Goacon Charillae	20,000	„
D°. Blew and white	5 or 6,000	„
Dungarees to be all yard wide, thicker	40,000	„
Cotton Romalls 40 ℔ Cent cheaper	40,000	„
Saile Cloth if better than the last 30,000 otherwise Such as Metchlepatam Musters ℔ Falcon	15,000	„
Sallampores 27 Pag° ℔ Corge	3,600	„
Sallampores 28 Pag° ℔ Corge	3,600	„
Percollaes at 20 Pag° ℔ Corge	6,000	„
Percollaes at 13 Pag° ℔ Corge	6,000	„
Percollaes at 10¼ Pag° ℔ Corage	6,000	„
Cumums	6,000	„
Pegu Sticklack	200	Tons.
Salpecados	2,000	peeces.

[*Endorsed:*] Copy of the Comp[a] Generall to ffort S[t]. George, Dated 28[th] August 1682—Ex[d].—Rec[d] y[e] 7[th] June 1683 ℔ ship new London.— N°.3— Ent[d] p[r] E.D[utton].

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE. LONDON, SEPTEMB. 6TH. 1682.

1. Besides sending you the above said duplicate of o^{r} Last, we have little to write, save the enclosed List of our designed outward Ships this Year which by the arrival of the three Last wee have been enabled to make more perfect than any formerly sent You.

2. The two first ships will be the London, directly to Yo^{r} Place, and the Herbert, directly to the Bay; and we shall expect that without sending the London any farther down then to Metchlepatam and Metapollam (if there be cause) You do immediately Load her home to Us from the Fort, that she may be with us an early Ship ag^{t} our Spring Sale, the like we shall expect to be done by the Herbert in the Bay.

3. By o^{r} Ships we shall likewise give You notice which of them We would have to stay with You to be a very late ship home, for one very late and very early we shall expect from You ev'ry year hereafter, and the Consort ship or Company home to be made only of o^{r} midle Ships, between those two Extreams of the very first, and the very Last Ships. In order to y^{e} more effectuall compliance with this Purpose of ours, you must order yo^{r} affairs so, as never to be without 500 tons of Petre, in yo^{r} Warehouses, if you Lessen that store at any time, reckon not yo^{r} selves at ease till You have fully replenished it. Keep likewise the full enordered store of Calliatore wood &c^{a}. according to former Advices.

4. And as you have any Remains of Stock in yo^{r}. Hands, or can borrow money at low Interest, be allwaies throughout the whole year, buying providing and imbaling Callicoes and other Goods, that yo^{r} Weavers being constantly kept in Worke throughout the whole Year, may serve You the cheaper as we know they will.

5. But buy most in the cheapest Seasons of the year w^{ch} we take to be in the time of the Rains & the absence of o^{r} Shipping.

6. Give the like order to all yo^{r} Subordinate Factories.

We remayn

[*Endorsed*:] Copie of the Companies Generall to ffort S^{t}. George Dated 6th. September 1682—Rec^{d} y^{e} 7th June 1683 ℔ Ship new London.—N° 4—Ent^{d} ℔ E. Dutton.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE. LONDON, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1682.

1. We have now before us yours of the 20th of October 5th. 12th: and 19th, of January 1st; 6th: 8th: and 10th of February 1681 w^{ch} we shall answer in order and send you with this Copies of all we have writt you this year overland.

2. We would have no ffactory setled at Pegu but cherish y^{e}. trade of that place to the ffort all that possibly you can.

3. We approve of the Warehouses you are building & would have no conveniences wanting for store of goods because we are resolved to be buying and providing all the year throughout, but vain pompous expences we shall never think to be necessary or beneficiall to our Interest, (A famous instance whereof we have now of the ffrench at Surrat, who We are assured live at 3 times the expence w^{ch}. Our President & Councill are at, and yet can scarsly be trusted for a small sume of money at double the Interest We pay.)

4. We continue of the same mind we were for imploying the Pettipolee Merchants and imbaling the goods apart, well knowing the Infallibility of that old Rule, Competition of the Sellers turns to the advantage of the Buyers.

5. We cannot think it necessary to our Service to have any Stock before hand at the ffort, where, by our long & great trade We have raised and enriched a Comp^{a}. of black Merchants to such a Sufficiency of Estate, that they have

wherewith to set themselves on worke and to keep all the people doing in the Country at all times of the year before our Treasure arrives, but if you can raise by degrees a bank of Loane money to the value of £100000 at the interest of 6 ℔ Cent ℔ Annũ. We Shalbe content that you do it and keepe that as a Standing Stock to be alwayes imployed in the Country in providing goods at the best hand all the year throughout, especially before and after the arrivall of our Ships.

6. We hope you have and alwaies will keep Our Merchants exactly up to their Musters, which is a matter of great & indispensible Concern to Us.

7. We Shall alwaies indempnify you in the performance of whatever We give you order for.

8. As in all things else that We have yet observed, So in not Suffering any goods to be loaden besides our owne upon our Ships for the Bay you did exceeding well.

9. We are Satisfied M^r^. Masters had a private end in most of his Contrivances and do well approve of all you have done in relation to him.

10. Your Intimacõns likewise concerning our affairs in the Bay are very good and your intencõns in all you write thither we judge reall & Cordiall for our Interest but having been necessitated to make that an Agency w^ch^. is now the greatest place of our Investments in India we shall say no more to you concerning it but that when Our other Ships Shall arrive with you, and our affairs are ripe enough to determine w^ch^ of our ships shall go downe to the Bay & returne back to you, you do as you did this last year, let our Agent & Councill know what quantity of Tonnage you shall have to loade upon those Ships that are to returne to you.

11. We have perused M^r^. Bigrig's returne to your Comission from Metchlepatam and Madapollam by w^ch^. we see things are much amiss yet in both those ffactories and find by our Bookes this year and the two last that they are run again at those places into an abominable profligate way of expence, w^ch^. if you cannot correct by admonicõn you must cure by sharp remedies and never leave changing till you have rooted out the Spendthrifts from being either Chiefs or of Our Councill there, that being a place the most apt to runn into extravagancy of any we have knowne in India.

12. We observe what you write about Red Sanders and would have you never to be without 4 or 500 tons thereof lying in Some Safe place near the Sea Side and by our first Ships, that Shall arrive w^th^ you to go downe to the Bay, Send 2 or 300 tons thereof to Ballasore to ly there for Kintlage of Such Ships as they Shall send directly home to us from the Bay and upon every ship that you loade home directly or otherwise load 6 tons for every 100 tons of each ships burden which we have agreed for the freight of at £ 6. *s*13. *d*4 ℔ ton as you will perceive by the Copies of the Charter parties Sent you herewith and if any Comander refuse to take Such quantity thereof on board Send a Certificate of it and we Shall make the Owners pay our loss out of their freight.

13. You do well to be incessant for getting in our old debts, w^ch^. we would have you never to give over till y^u^. have made Something of it.

14. Build what Godownes you find necessary at Madapollam or elsewhere we being upon a very great increase of Our trade and more Secure in our apprehensions of Our station than ever we were.

15. Make your buildings strong especially the ffoundacõns & prevent our being cheated as we were in our Sloopes.

16. Our meaning as to the Revenue of that towne is, that one way or other by Dutch Portugeese or Indian methods it Should be brought to defray at least the whole constant charge of the place w^ch^. is essentiall to all Government in the world, people protected ought & do in all parts of the Universe in Some way or other defray the charge of their protection and preservacõn from wrong and violence, the manner of raising w^ch^. revenue we shall leave to your discrecõns as may be most agreable to the humors of that People.

17. Your Agency being now reduced to Governable limitts We hope you will the more easyly compell all under you to keep precisely to all our rules and orders.

18. We will not possitively determine but propose it to you whether it be not adviseable for us in case of our Revenue that upon the death of any one of your 100 Merchants you put another in his stead, He paying us 200 Pag°. for a ffine or Income, and that by degrees y°. add others to their number, paying Us each the said ffine and continue on foot the old constitution, for We are not so much concerned, whether old Merchants or new ones do our busines, So as they be kept exactly and fully to the goodnes of their Musters, and be obliged once a year to clear our Warehouses of all Europe Comodities, w°h. is of mighty Concernm°t. to us, that which incensed us So much against the old Merchants formerly, was their falling off from the goodnes of their Cloth, w°h. was as much M°r. Masters & M°r. Bridgers fault as their owne, tho' between them all We suffered extreamly, and Shall now get what reparacon we can, the best whereof will bear no proporcon to our loss.

19. We Shall comply with your request of entertaining W°m. Probee a Writer, altho' we suppose his Unckle Probee might importune you to recomend him, as he hath done us to accept him.

20. We approve of your keeping a fair Correspondence w°h. Lingapa, & of your purchasing a Phyrmaund for coyning of Rupees & could wish you had put Pice and ffannams into the same Phyrmaund, whether we had coyned any or not.

21. Your modest application to us about the trades of Tonqueen and ffermosa, we like well and are content you should have the liberty of those places as well as all others in India.

22. We observe the excess of M°r. Masters injustice to the Natives and shall do them full right, when that matter is ripe for our determinacon, which yet we have not had time to enter upon, and he will find himself extreamly deceived in his notion, that Indians are not good Witnesses in Our law, their Testimony having bin admitted in former hearings before my Lord Chancellor, He will find himself under the like mistake if he thinks any of this Comittee can or will Support him in any acco°t. of ffraud or Injustice.

23. But we see no Shadow of reason why any of those people Should expect or hope that We will return any of the 10,000 Pago°. paid us, Since they know by the naturall light of their owne Consciences, that they injured us of ten times that Sume by delivering goods for 3 years together 20 ℔ Cent worse than y° Contract.

24. We Shall send you a large Supply of ffactors and Writers and 20 or 30 Souldiers none exceeding 24 years old except they deceive us.

25. We approve of your granting Peddavincatadry's peticon.

26. We shall send you Some Toyes for Metchlepatam and Some Cloth also. 60 barrells of tarr and 20 barrells of Pitch w°h. we hear are Comodities in severall places of your Agency, and shalbe glad you may write us for a farr greater quantity hereafter, because it helps to fill up our ships, and is to us (now we send so many) as it were freight free, this we desire you to put off to our most advantage, and the sooner the better because the latter ships may probably bring you greater Supplyes.

27. We approve of all you have done about Diamonds not doubting but you will have the opportunity to do much better for us next year.

28. Turn Verona's Gold Chain & Medall into Pag°.

29. Now the Bay is made an Agency, it wilbe a needless charge to continue Patamars going so constantly betweene you.

30. We approve exceedingly of the Settlement you have made of the Chingey Countryes and would have you nourish it by all meanes possible, and if you can

obtaine the liberty of building a ffort and all the Priviledges which you enjoy at Madrass, and if you can have Such liberty you may go in hand with erecting a ffort of 30 or 40 Guns, as soon and with as much frugality as you can but however if you cannot have all you would, Settle there upon the best terms you can at present to prevent the Interlopers.

31. In all the Ships you loade home whether directly or otherwise it wilbe convenient you take it for a rule to send off your oldest Turmerick and oldest Peter first.

32. We have not had time yet to discourse much with M^{r}. Lucas but he shalbe assisted by us in any thing that is just, and before his returne Shall reap Some fruit of your recomendacon to us for his preferment.

33. We desire you to Secure the remaining ballance of our debt from M^{r}. Wynne, and the 303 Rupees due to us for freight from M^{r}. Tivill and M^{r}. Hatton.

34. Having now fully answered all we find materiall in yo^{r} : letters aforesaid We proceed to acquaint you that We design this Ship the London to come to us directly from your place with what goods you have and can provide of a Sudden to dispatch her a full Ship, and that She may come the richer if the winds favour her passage either way, you may send her to Metchlepatam, Madapoll Gyngerlee or Porta Nova to take in whatever goods you have or can of a sudden provide in any of those places within your Agency to w^{ch}. the Winds shall favour her passage at the time she happens to be with you or depart from you out of yo^{r} Agency but we would not have her go out of your Agency before she returns to us.

35. We have mett with a Report (we cannot say whether true or not) that the Danish Comp^{a}. is like suddenly to break up, but exceeding low We know they are, if there Should be any truth in the said report, We would willingly buy the ffort of Trincombarr towne and all the priviledges if it can be obtained upon reasonable terms ; and if it be to be Sold it will follow in consequence, that it must be Sold a good penniworth, because the Dutch have fforts enough, if not to many for their stock, and the natives care not for such a Bargaine.

36. It wilbe too blunt a Question to propound to the Danes whether they will Sell their Settlement there, and therefore you must contrive to make your enquiry in some private by-way with Civility & good manners and if there be no probability of any Such purpose or intent in them with their Masters consent nor any order or direccons from Denmark for their so doing. We would however have you make a fast friendship and Correspondency with the Danish Chief & Councill at Trincombarr, to prevent their aiding any English Interlopers and if you think it necessary for our Service Send Some Skilfull person thither at as small a charge as you can to buy up all the goods that are proper for our market, which if you can do in truck for Lead Cloth or any English Comodities it wilbe so much the better, but by all meanes avoid making of any bad debts.

37. Let no loose ignorant expensive idle or debaucht persons continue in our Service of what quality or condicon Soever they are, and that you may be the better able to root out Such weeds, We have sent you so large a Supply of ffactors and Writers of whose names &c^{a}. you shall have a list apart with this paquet.

38. We would have you make a full provision of all the goods contained in the List sent you herewith, Some of which We hope you may provide in the Chingey Countrey and peradventure Some at Gingerlee where we would have you Settle a ffactory if you can obtaine good terms, and find it for our Service.

39. The bill of loading and Invoice will informe you what goods & Bullion we have sent by this Ship which is all in Gold that you may be coining of it, by the Ships that follow you Shall have a full Stock with what you have already there to answer the quantity of goods We have demanded by our List, and We hope the early Sending of this Ship and the liberty we have given you of taking up money at moderate Interest, when ever you can meet with it may conduce much to the enabling you to make So large provision of goods for us.

40. Our Secretary will inclose to you the Indulgences and Orders We have made for permissive trade this year to which We have been ledd by some pollitick consideracõn and a decree of like nature (to what we have done lately) made by the ffrench King.

41. But We are resolved for the future that whatever Comodity we permitt to others, We will never wholly omitt trading in any one Comodity of India our selves, for that Such omission would turn as much to the Benefitt of the Interlopers, as of Our private Adventurers Servts. or friends, And therefore We do hereby order you to provide & send us that 30000 pounds we have appointed by our List in Diamonds. The Comission whereof (since We have now opened that trade again) We will have now taken and divided, two thirds to our Agent, and one third to our Second of that Councill, and not otherwise.

42. We would have you alwaies send exact and entire Copies of all our Letters to every ffactory within your Agency, out of wch, certainly they must needs pick Something, for their owne good and our Service, wch. we order not to elate or puff them up to any stiffnes or Restynes against their Superiors but onely for their better instrucõn in our busines and Conduct of their lives.

43. ffor we have Such Confidence in Our present Agent & Councill at the ffort, that we will have intire and absolute Obedience paid them by all our Servants in every Subordinate ffactory, and therefore We do hereby enlarge that power We formerly gave of Suspending any person from our Service, that should not in their Judgements behave themselves faithfully and dilligently as they ought to do, and We do hereby give authority to our said Agent & Councill when they shall think in their Consciences, it is for our Service to remove any Chief or other of our Servants of what quallity or Condicõn soever they be and to send them home to us by our next Shipping, placing in their stead Such as they shall reasonably think may serve us better.

44. Long experience with variety of persons and humors hath convinced us of these following truths :—

1st. That long tedious and cross examinacõns in India with bundles of attestations, accusacõns, Defences, Apologies Certificates and other Such like Trumperey (of wch We have had loades in our time) do Signify just nothing but Chime as many Changes as the best Ringers in London can make with Seaven Bells, and that the Worst of men will contrive their Busines so, as to furnish themselves with the largest ffardle of Such Sophisticated Ware.

2dly. That without Such a Bussle a Wise Agent and Councill will easily after a few admonitions discerne wch ffactory doth well, and wch not, and may shrewdly guess, whether it be depraved by the Malignant Influence of the Chief, or whether the Chief be good and those under him idle or obstinate which seldome happens.

3dly. That great abuses unfaithfulnes or neglect can hardly hold long in any ffactory where the Chief is tollerable, nor be ever possibly cured, till at least the Chief be changed.

4thly. That in a ffactory totally corrupt & depraved as Metchlepatam was many yeares, the change of the Chief may make a partiall but can never make a thorow Cure without displacing the Chief and every person of the Councill.

5thly. That a person once habituated to and contaminated wth Infidellity, Sloth or Luxury will never mend to that degree as is fitt for us to trust him again.

45. These Results of our experience We note to you as Marks to Steere by in the conduct of those great affairs We have comitted So intirely to your care & management, and great they are indeed, for that courage and Spirit wch. the Interlopers have raised in us, have putt us to a Vye not onely with them but with all others that are competitors with us for the trade of the East Indies, and without vanity may Say, that we agonise, Strive and labour, not So much for our Selves as for our Country and posterity, well knowing (whatever weak or malitious men think or say) that the value of the land of England Our Comon Mother depends as much upon the carrying on Our trade of India, and that in this very

Comp^{a}. and this joynt Stock now established as upon any externall accident or cause whatsoev̄: which God Almighty hath enabled us to make plain and evident to his Ma^{tie}. and his most hono^{ble}: Privy Councel; And we doubt not but the Same good providence that hath So wonderfully blessed this Kingdom and this Company, and which usually attends all good actions and intencons, will enable us to make out this truth as clear to the Parliament both Lords and Commons when ever this Affair shall fall under a Nationall consideracon.

46. Our aimes are Sincere good and publique and We do endeavour to proceed with exact truth and Justice aswel as Courage, and where the end is good and the meanes good, it pleaseth God for the most part to give a blessing, and therefore while We keep to Our Integrity and publique Spiritedness, as God Almighty hath blessed us already, So we have full confidence, that he will yet bless and prosper our Affairs to the astonishment of all Such as ignorantly or malitiously wish us ill.

47. You say in Some of your letters you could have Security for the Pettipolee Merchants, if So it will certainly be convenient, to take the best you can get.

48. We think it likewise necessary for our Servants ut Metchlep^{a}. and Madapollam to be reduced to one Comon table at each place and to have no allowance for diett or otherwise out of our owne houses. We have not yet Seen our goods from thence So as to pass a true Judgment on them, but before hand We do not expect that proporconably to what We have had in former years they should hold equall in goodnes with yours, long experience having instructed us, that it is a vain thing to expect to wash a Blackmore white, as to expect good and cheap cloth from a vitiated and expensive ffactory, Such as we have cause to fear, that yet is.

49. If you should buy many goods at Pettipolee, consider, whether it be not convenient to order one of Our Ships to Stop there, to take them in, and do in that what you shall think best for our Service.

Jos^{a} Child Gov^{r}.
Berkeley.
Joseph Ashe.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Jam: Ward.
John du Bois.
Ri. Hutchinson.
Fran: Tyssen.
Henry Serle.
Chris Boone.

Will^{m} Sedgwicke.
John Cudworth.
Tho: Papillon.
Edward Rudge.

Our Agent & Councill at
Fort S^{t} George. 4 October 1682.

In all yo^{r} managery since Agent Gyffords arrival, We find nothing to complaine of, but o^{r} Mint Affaires, which are now at a worse Pass than ever, since o^{r}. Settlement there, as you will more particularly understand by the enclosed Report w^{ch} We received from the Committees of the Treasury which We send You a Copy of, from whence We draw these certain Conclusions Viz^{t}: That part of o^{r} Loss hath come from making yo^{r} alloy with Copper instead of silver which would have been less to o^{r} Prejudice 2^{ly}. That yo^{r} Sherroffs are undoubtedly cheating rascalls and do daily increase their Deceipts upon you, 3^{ly}. That the English intrusted with Superintendency of that Business have ill discharg'd that Trust, either through want of Skill, or worse.

The way to remedy this abominable mischief We must leave to yo^{r} discretions, but cannot apprehend how you can effect it, without turning out some of yo^{r} Chiefe Sherroffs, and advancing in their stead osme of y^{e} most ingeuious of the

Inferiors, and by all y^e^ means You can contrive obtain from some of themselves a discovery of y^e^ Cheate.

Yo^r^ Diamonds were monstrously ill bought, which We do not impute to y^e^ want of Care for Us, but to some want of Skill, & y^e^ ill Circumstances of y^e^ Competition You had with Cholmley & Masters, but we hope in future years We shall speed better in that Commodity, & that you may know how We have sped this year, We send you the printed appraizment, and Sale, by which You will see that though we valued them only at y^e^ first Cost, & bare Interest, Yet few from the Fort would Sell, though all from Surratt in generall sold competently well.

Jos^a^ Child Gov^r^.
Ri: Hutchinson. John Cudworth.
Henry Serle. Edward Rudge.
Fran Tyssen. Hump: Edwin.
Jam: Ward.

[*Endorsed:*] Companies Generall to the Fort dated 20^th^ Sept^r^ 4^th^ Octob^r^: 1682—By the New London—Ent^d^: ℔ E. Dutton—Rec^d^ v^e^ 7^th^ June 1683 ℔ ship new London—N°. 5.

M^r^. William Gifford. London, 9th: October 1682.

S^r^:

You will find in a List of Goods one article for shifts of all sorts which I would have you looke upon as a matter of great concerment to the Company, being the onely way I know to introduce the using of Callicoe for that purpose in all these Northern parts of the world, & therefore I most earnestly recommend to you to provide 200,000 shifts ready made of the strongest sorts of Callicoes some finer & some courser, & be sending them as fast as you can.

Lett some of the coursest sort for Seamens & ordinary peoples use be strong blew Cloath, & some white for the like ordinary use, others white Midling, for Citizens & Midle sort of People & some fine enough for Ladies, & Gentlewomen; if some be wrought on the brests, & on the sleeves, & in the Coller with needle worke, the price here will sufficiently pay for the worke, & cost there, where labour & art are so cheap; take especial care that the sowing be very good & all the Cloth strong in its kind, as well fine as course.

Wee promise our selfs much advantage by great variety of goods which is the more necessary because else by this great encrease of our trade, we shall glut the Market in many things which will not beare such an encrease, therefore find out all the sorts of Callicoes both white & colloured that yo^r^: Agency affords, & send us at least 10 bales of a sort; & in all other things relating to particular Comodities, I shall referr you to M^r^: John Cudworth one of our Comittee who hath a great stock among us to the value of above £. 40,000 & resolves (as I do) to abide all fortunes that shall attend the Company, he is a constant resident in the City, & capable of giving you the best advice of what is proper for this Market, of various & new sorts, pray receive whatever shall come from him of that nature, & give the same respect & observance to it as if it come from my self, & I am sure the Comittee will give you thanks, especially myself who shall thereby be eased of a great deale of writing worke of which I have more than enough for one man at all times, so comending you to the protection of God almighty, I rest

Yo^r^: Loving freind
Jos^a^ Child.

[*Superscribed:*]. For William Gifford Esq^r^. Agent and Governour at Fort S^t^. George for the Honourable East India Company.

[*Endorsed:*]. London the 9 Octob^r^ 1682—S^r^ Jos^a^. Child—Rec^d^ ℔ Ship new London the [7] June 1683—Ent^d^ ℔ E.D.—N°. 6.

LONDON 25TH: OCTOBER 1682.

S^r^:

Being desired by our worthy Gov^r^: S^r^: Josiah Child (my highly hon^d^: freind) to hold a correspondence with you I take the first oportunity to begin it & shall frequently venture the troubling of you with a few lines when ever I can hint any thing to you that may somway promote the Interest of the Company wherein myself & many of my Relations & freinds are so deeply concerned; I was but just coming into the stock at the time you went from hence, so had not the happiness to be knowne to you but do intend to lay a foundation of future acquaintance the main end of which being to gain an oportunity to further what in me lies the encrease of the Companies trade in all parts of yo^r^: Agency, a thing they are so intent & resolved upon, and for divers reasons is so absolutely necessary at this time makes me presume it will be acceptable to one who I am so well satisfied hath so great a zeale for their Interest; & because by so great an encrease of trade there will be danger of glutting the markets here, & that nothing can more effectually prevent the ill consequence thereof nor encourage an enlargement, as yo^r^: providing all the variety & improving of the usual sorts of Callicoes, so also by finding out all the new kinds that yo^r^: parts affords; I shall therefore make it my business from time to time to give you all the light I can therein. It is a great fleet & Stock we sent last & design this yeare to send you; We doubt not but you will performe yo^r^: part, & fully answer the great expectations we have of yo^r^: good managm^t^: & are confident that by yo^r^: prudent, vigorous & faithfull conduct of the weighty affaires comitted to yo^r^: goverment that Interlopers will be defeated, full Investments made, & the Companies publick Interest carried on at another rate then ever it was by any of yo^r^: predecessors.

At present shall mention a few things that will eminently advantage our stock, & encrease the esteeme & value we have for you.

1. The cheape & well buying of goods, & making a considerable abatement of the prises at Madopollam.
2. The seasonable dispatch of the ships with rich & wel sorted Cargoes both as to quantity as wel as to quality, for quantity that there be a due proportion of every sort of goods, & not much of some, & few or none of others, for quality that every kind of goods be exactly sorted & not different sorts & goodness mixt together in the same bale.
3. Making a full returne ℔ this years shipping of all the Stock you will receive, what you had remaining former years, & of all that you can take up at Interest.
4. Sending as large quantities yon can possible of the finest sorts of Long Cloath, Sallampores, Morees, Bettellees, Percallaes, Neccloaths, Ginghams, & a good quantity of finer sorts then ever yet sent, & some as fine as possible can be made.
5. Finding out & sending at least 10 bales of each of the kinds & sorts of goods that are to be had in yo^r^: Agency of which I am informed there are great numbers especially at Metchlepatam & Madapollam, some of every sort, tho the fewest of those you judge deare.
6. Effectually putting in Execution the Companies orders about the taking up all the money you can at Interest.
7. Putting the Merchants & Weavers upon inventing all the variety of new sorts that can be, especially for paintings, & that they be of full, brisk, & lively colours.

I cannot now enlarge but ℔ the next Ship Shall give you a perticular Account of the Sorts of Callicoes that sell to best proffit, & in which an enlargement will be to the advantage of the Company; as also of divers new Sorts. In the meanetime please to accept of my hearty wishes of all prosperity, & Success in yo^r^: great undertakings, & the tender of my Service & kind respects, remaining

Yo^r^: real freind to serve you
JOHN CUDWORTH.

[*Superscribed*:] For the Worsp^{ll}: William Gifford Esq^{r} Agent & Governour for y$_{e}$ Honourable East India Company. At Fort St. George.

[*Endorsed*:] M^{r} Jn^{o}: Cudworth's Lre of the 25th 8ber 1682 about the hono^{ble} Comp^{s} affaires—Rec^{d} ℔ Ship new London the 7 June 1683—N° 7—Ent^{d} ℔ E. Dutton.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL
AT FORT ST: GEORGE.

LONDON, 27TH OCTOB^{R} 1682.

1. By this Ship y^{e} London we send you in bullion and other Goods $\frac{£}{107120}:\frac{s}{1.}\frac{d}{7}$ as you will see by o^{r} Invoices & bills of Loading which is to make a beginning of o^{r} Investments.

2. Our Design is to have as many goods home this year as you can possibly provide for Us, that We may at once put an end to this interloping Trade.

3. To which purpose get yo^{r} Chief merchants to forestall the Interlo ℔: in all small Ports and Creeks, in which M^{r} Lucas assures us, they may and will do us good Service.

4. That the natives for ever hereafter may be better used & have equall Justice, with any of our nacon We have enclosed to you a Law which We would have published & perpetually observ'd in all o^{r} Courts within that Agency.

5. Seise and send home any English that you shall but suspect may aide the Interlop^{r}. and if any in o^{r} Service intermarry with any women that go over in any Interlo ℔ dismiss forthwith such persons so marry'd from our Service and send them home with their Wifes.

6. Increase o^{r} Investments all you can in fine goods of y^{e} Citty of Golcondah and in y^{e} Gingee Country and in all other Places.

7. We understand there is a house in which M^{r} Herris & M^{r} Cholmly formerly lived which now belongs to M^{r} Masters, w^{ch} We would have you by Process out of o^{r} Courts there to attach for Padavincatadry, on acco^{t}. of y^{e} Debts M^{r} Masters owes him; which now that We have admitted y^{e} natives to give evidence you cannot want means to do, and before o^{r} Later Ships go, We hope to send you our Award touching those Differences, but in Courts when We have not Witnesses Vivâ voce, you know the Law is chargeable and tedious.

8. We have appointed M^{r} Lucas to be chief of o^{r} Factory at Porto Novo in Case you have not allready Setled M^{r} Yale there, if M^{r} Yale be settled Chief there and desire to continue in that imployment you are in such Case to receive M^{r} Lucas, into o^{r} Councill, upon his arrival next after M^{r} Elihu Yale.

For which end we have hastned him away upon this Ship that he may be at y^{e} beginning of o^{r} Investments.

9 We shall order the Josiah and y^{e} next Ship that goes after him to stay at Porta Nova untill they have yo^{r} Orders to come to the Fort, to Countenance our new Factory there and also to hinder any interloper from trading there or afrighting y^{e} Natives.

10. The like order We have given to this Ship and shall continue doing so to all others that We send to y^{e} Fort, but the two next after this are most like to meet with Ally at Porto Novo, and you may do well to stay them both there, as long as Our business will admit of their Stay without prejudice and if you can so contrive it, Order two ships to follow Ally down to Metchlepatam: And to dog him continually with two or three Ships at Sea as you can make it correspond with our business, and with two or 3 Merch^{ts}: at land to buy the Goods from him whatever he gives.

11. And in all Places use those methods We formerly gave you forgetting away y^{e} Interlo ℔s Seamen and otherwise destroying their Voyages by all means within yo^{r} Power.

12. And in regard o^{r} Councill will be over numerous, by y^{e} Addicon of M^{r} Nicks and M^{r} Lucas to our first establishment We would have you place out

some of y^e^ Councill to be Chiefs of other Factories in the room of those you will find Cause to dismiss from o^r^ Service and send home for their negligence or Infidelity.

13. And now that o^r^ Councill is so full We will have none added thereunto, untill We shall o^r^Selves give order, for so doing nor shall We like that any should think themselves more eased of business by having y^e^ hono^r^ of being of o^r^ Councill but the more obliged to be forward and industrious to assist o^r^ Agent in any writing work or other business in o^r^ Service.

14. Whatever occasion you may have of imploying any of o^r^ Councill out of Madrass We would have our Agent M^r^ Bigrig constant Resident at our Fort.

15. If any of y^e^ Interlo ℔ s offer Violence or Force to any of the Natives who are o^r^ Allies and Friends (as all are with whom We have Trade) We would have you command o^r^ Captains Officers and Seamen to rescue and protect y^e^ Natives, and to resist such violence and Force by Force of Arms whatever y^e^ Consequencies be.

16. And if in such Case any o^r^ Command^rs^ shall disobey You Protest against them, and Load no goods upon such refractory Command^rs^ Ships homewards but leave them to come home empty and Seek their Remedy here at Law.

17. In all yo^r^ Protests ag^t^. them You must intimate to Them that we have Freighted their Ships to Serve us in peace and Warfare as you may see in the Copies of their Charter ℔ ties.

18. We would have You send down to y^e^ Bay on y^e^ Golden Fleece 300 tons of Calliatore which We have ordered our Agent & Councill at Hughly to put on board y^e^ Ships which they dispatch for England in the proporc̃on menc̃oned in each Ships Charterparty, being 6 ℔ Cent of their Tonnage which they are obligd to bring us home at halfe Freight.

19. We do hereby order you to seiz upon and attach by due process out of your Courts, all such goods and Effects as you shall meet with in the Country belonging unto M^r^ Streynsham Masters, Our late Agent towards y^e^ Reparac̃on of y^e^ Damages y^e^ Natives have sustein'd by his unjust dealings with them.

20. We have besides M^r^ Lucas entertained y^e^ following persons to serve Us in yo^r^ Agency, who take their passage on this Ship y^e^ London, or on y^e^ following Ships Viz^t^ M^r^ Benj: Bloome M^r^ [*lacuna*] Shales as Factors and [*lacuna*] Charlton & [*lacuna*] Stubbs, Writers. We remaine

Yo^r^ Loveing friends

JOHN BANKS.	JOS^A^ CHILD GOV^t^.
JOSEPH ASHE.	JA: EDWARDS.
EDWARD RUDGE.	THOMAS DAVALL.
JO: CREED.	WLL^M^ SEDGWICKE.
RI: MOUNTENEY.	RI. HUTCHINSON.
JAM: WARD.	JOHN DU BOIS.
	HENRY SERLE.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to Fort S^t^ George 27^th^ Oct: 1682— Rec^d^ y^e^ 7^th^ June 1683 ℔ ship new London—N^o^ 8—Ent^d^ ℔ G. Luckyn.

M^r^ GIFFORD & COUNCELL.

S^r^:

This inclosed pray send forwarde more I have not to say untill the Josiah goes, but that y^e^ Court have this Day confirm^d^ every thing I mentioned in my last p^r^ticuler lett^r^ to y^e^, w^ch^ y^u^ shall finde in y^r^ next generall und^r^ the Committees hands w^th^ this also that wee have this day discharg^d^ M^r^ ffeild from being o^r^ Cheife of Metchlepatam for reasons y^u^ shall heare in o^r^ next, and y^u^ are accordingly not only to remove him, but not to fayle of sending him home by o^r^ Shipping and In his stead y^e^ are to place M^r^ Eliu [*sic*] Yale or M^r^ Lucas, this I write y^u^ in hast & in

y^e^ Comp^as^ name & by their ord^r^, in regard the winde is fayre & wee doubt this Ship the Lond^o^ may sayle out of the Downes before wee cann gett the Comp^as^ generall lett^r^ ready to bee signed.

I am

East India house — Yo^r^ loving freind

7^th^ November 1682. — Jos^A^ Child Gov^r^.

[*Superscribed:*]. To our Agent & Councill att ffort S^t^ George—By the London [. . .].

[*Endorsed:*]. The Gov^r^ S^r^ Josiah Child's Lre to the Ag^t^ & Councill dated the 7^th^ [9 ber 1682—℔ ship London—Rec^d^: y^e^ 7 June 1683—N^o^ 9—Ent^d^ ℔ G. Luckyn.

London 27^TH^ Octob^R^ : 1682.

The Governour and Comittee of the East India Company taking into their consideracon the great and unreasonable abuses inflicted upon Pedda Vincatadry, China Vincatadry, Allingal de Pilla and other of our native Indian People of our Towne of Madrasspatam by our late unjust and tyrannicall Agent Streynsham Master, Do for prevencon of Such oppressions for the future, Ordain and appoint for a Standing law and Rule in all places within the jurisdiction of our Agency of Fort S^t^. George.

1^st^. That no person in our Service Shalbe Suffered to depart home for England, till he have paid all just debts to the Natives of India, or given bail to their Actions.

2^dly^. That the Oaths of all native Indians of good fame & credit within the Agency of ffort S^t^. George Shalbe admitted in all trayalls of law and Equity, aswel betwixt Natives and Natives, as Natives and Englishmen, they Swearing by the living and Eternall God who created the Heavens and the Earth, in whom they believe, & from whom they expect reward or Punishment in another world for the good or evil accons they do in this life.

3^dly^. That in case of great concernment their Oaths be likewise taken in their owne Pagodes, for afirmacon or discovery of y^e^ truth.

4^thly^. That this Law be published in most Solemn manner by Beat of Drum, and Sett upon the gates of Madrass, in the English, Portugeez, Gentue and Malabar languages. To the intent that all Persons may take notice of it.

Published the 21^th^; June 1683;

Ri. Hutchinson.	John Banks.	Jos^A^ Child Gov^r^.
John du Bois.	Will^M^ Sedgwicke.	Ja: [Edward].
Jeremy Sambrooke.	Ri. Mounteney.	Joseph Ashe.
Edward Rudge.	[Thomas Davall.]	Jn^o^: Lawrence.
		[. . .]

[*Endorsed:*] A Law with Refference to the natives in india—N^o^. 10—Ent^d^ ℔ Grimston Luckyn—Rec^d^. y^e^ 7 June 1683.

A Collection out of y^e^ severall Lists of Goods to be provided this Year for y^e^ Hon^ble^. Comp^A^. at y^e^ ffort.

Long Cloth ord^ry^. N^o^. 1. 2. 3.	P^cs^ 140,000:
Ditto Brown	40,000:
Ditto ord^ry^ white without stiffening	10,000:

Ditto blew to be dyed out of the thickest of y^e^ Cloth fully dryed, & clean from Sand and dirt before they are beaten up to prevent y^r^ spotts which usually come on them, & that they be of a better blew 20,000:

Ditto fine to be of severall sorts from Pa: 2 to Pa: 5 ℔ p^ce^. each sort differing ½ of a Pa: ℔ p^ce^.

of a sort from Pa: 2 ℔ P^ce^. to Pa: 4	℔^cs^ 15,000:
of a sort from Pa: 4 ℔ P^ce^. to Pa: 5	5,000:
	20,000:

Sallamp^{rs}: of finer sorts then ever yet Sent ... P^{ces} 3,000:
Ditto: of N°. 18: 19: 20 to N°. 30 from Pa 18 ℔ cor to Pa 40 each sort to differ Pa 2 ℔ corge & some as fine as can be made ... 40,000:
Ditto ord^{ry}: from N°. 3 to 10 to be from Pa 11 to Pa: 16 ℔ Corge a sortable parcell of each sort & every sort to differ Pa 1 ℔ Corge 168,000:
Percollaes from N°. 10 to 30 from Pa 10 ℔ Corge to Pa 20 each sort to differ Pa 1 ℔ Corge 24,000:
but if not at y^{e} same price as those ℔ y^{e} ships in Anno 1680 then but p^{ce} 12,000:
Ditto of finer Sorts then usuall & some rs fine as can be made 4,000:
Moorees of N°. 3.4 ... ... 6,000:
Ditto from N°. 7 to 12 ... ... 26,000:
Moorees of y^{e} fine sorts from Pa. 18 to Pa 50 ℔ co: each sort deffering Pa 2 ℔ Corge, & some as fine as can be made.
Neckcloths 16 in a p^{ce}. of 1 y^{d} ½ 23,000:
12 in a P^{ce} of 2 y^{ds} 7,000:
to be kept to y^{e} full finess [*sic*] & goodness of y^{e} Bettelles N°. 25: 26: some to be of 1½ cov^{d} broad to come once about y^{e} neck, & of a length to hang as low as Crevatts are usually worn: of w^{ch}: lengths & breadths some to be striped wth: Gold & some with Silver, some 6 Thries some 8 thrids some 10 thrids in a stripe, striped about 4 Inches deep & of finer sorts.
Neckcloths ord^{ry}: striped with red ... ... P^{ces} 160,000:
striped with white 240,000:
to be single & y^{e} fringe of each neckcloth to be with hard twisted thrid & not woolly, to be of severall sorts & fineness from 50 to a Pag^{o} to 20 but most of y^{e} finest sorts, & some of finer sorts then usuall.
Bettelles of 25 y^{ds} if clearer & thinner y^{e} better 20,000:
Ditto of 20 y^{ds} 20,000:
Ditto of 2 or 3 sorts much finer then ever yet send & some as fine as possibly can be made 8,000:
likewise some of Pa: 20: Pa: 25: & Pa. 30: ℔ Corge but y^{e} greatest quantity of y^{e} usuall sorts Pa 40 ℔ Cor:
Ditto striped some course ℔ ord^{ry}. some fine of y^{e} goodness of y^{e} usuall sorts of Pa 40 ℔ Cor some very fine but most of ye fine ℔ middle sorts. The stripes to be of great variety, some broader, some narrower some very narrow not above 4 or 5 thrids in a stripe some stripes thicker some thinner but generally the narrowest stripes the thicker, some a broader stripe in the middle with a narrow stripe on each side of y^{e} broad one as in y^{e} Margent* ... 15,000:
some flowerd between y^{e} stripes, some all flowerd.
Dimotyes finest & strongest of 2 or 3 sorts 3,000:
Dyapers finest & strongest of 2 or 3 sorts 3,000:
Ghinghams white 1¼ y^{d}. 1⅛ y^{d}. & 1½ y^{d}. broad of severall sorts some very fine 4,000:
Cotton Yarn ... ... Bales 150:
Red wood ... ... Tun 300:

* The sample is drawn in the margin of the original.

Linnen Yarn ... ... Ba: 100:
Diamonds to y^e^ vallue of £ st. 30,000:
Indigo y^e^ sort y^e^ Dutch bring from Policatt not y^e^ sort called fig Indigo ... ... Tun 5;
Rubies
Necklaces of Pearle } according to former advices.
Seed pearle
Any new sorts of Callicoes either white or painted of each sort for a tryall ... ... Bales 10:
Chavannees finer & courser of all sorts ... P^cs^ 4,000:
Shifts ready made up of all Sorts well Sewed not over large.
Note y^e^ Dutch Callicoes are generally better & finer & that Callicoes being sould cheaper then formerly more of y^e^ fine sorts of each kind are demanded & for Neckcloths y^e^ greatest quantity fine.
Tapseils.—
Stuffes made of Cotton to wear for outside garments for men.
Cambaia Clouts alias slave or Guinney Clouts ... P^cs^ 6,000
Of y^e^ very fine sorts of Callicoes let there be fewer peices packt in a Bale.
All care imaginable to be taken that y^e^ new sorts of Goods be bought as cheap as possible.
Be sure to send something of every sort written for by this yeares Shipping & if possible by y^e^ first ships though but a bale of a sort.
Note Pollicatt & Pettapollee fine Paintings are very dear but few therefore especially of black workes.
Comiters blew & white of Porta Nova.

[*Endorsed*:] Collection out of severall lists of Goods to be provided att the ffort- rec^d^ ℔ London 2 June 1683—N°. 11—Ent^d^ ℔ Grimston Luckyn.

A COLLECTION OUT OF Y^E^ SEVERALL LISTS OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR FOR Y^E^ HON^BLE^. COMP^A^. METCHLEP^N^.

p^cs^.

Long Cloth ord^ry^. white such as by y^e^ Johanna N°. 10, 11, 12, 13 ... ... 60,000:
Ditto fine N°. 2, 3, 4, ℔ ditto ship 8,000:
The Long Cloth to be kept to y^e^ full length ℔ breadths & y^e^. fine Lo: Clo: to be of severall sorts from Pag^ds^. 2 to Pa 5 ℔ p^ce^. each sort differing ¼ of a Pa: ℔ p^ce^ —p^ces^. 2000 of each sort.
Sallampores ord^ry^. 32,000:
Ditto fine 32,000:
Ditto of finer sorts then ever yet sent 4,000:
Percollaes fine of Pettipollee 16,000:
Book Percollaes fine 8,000:
Percollaes y^e^ finest sorts made into Chints 8 y^ds^. long full y^d^ broad y^e^ grounds to be green, purple, red, & some white, but y^e^ best paintings to be upon purple ground, with variety of painting, curious & lively brisk Collours.
Golcunda or Pettipollee Course paintings y^e^ Cloth to be new & good & y^e^ grounds to be white purple & green brisk & lively Collours on y^e^ ground & better made then usuall 45,000:

	pces
Ghinghams white	14,000:
Ditto brown	6,000:
Ditto white of severall sorts & fineness some very fine 1¼ yd 1⅛ yd & 1½ yd broad	10,000:
Ghinghams of severall sorts dyed into blew	6,000:
Izarees	10,000:
Oringall Bettelles	30,000:
Bettelles to a Pattern sent	10,000:
Golcunda Bettelles very fine thin & cleare	6,000:
Cotton Romalls every handkercheif to be ¾ yd long & ¾ yd broad as cheap as can gett them some single thrided & some double thrided if not exceed att Pa ℔ pce else much fewer	60,000:
Sayle Cloth to be as good as by ye Golden fleece this yeare ½ whited ½ brown some blew	30,000:
if not so good but	15,000:
Salpicados	4,000:
Shifts of all sorts readmade up well sewed not over large.	
Dungarees to be all yd wide & thicker, to be most whited few brown	40,000:
Cummums	6,000:
Pegu Sticklack	200 Tun.
[. . . Shallon Ghinghams] or broad Diapers fine & cheap 1½ yd broad	pces 4,000:
Allejaes	24,000:
Sarcerillaes or Muttafoons & Sabones	6,000:
Saderuncheras and Sacerguntees	20,000:
Colloway poos	20,000:
Geacon cherillaes	20,000:

⎫ 2/3 of these for Metchm: ⅓ for Pettipollee. ⎭

Note that Allejaes & all those sorts with red stripes to be full & lively & of ye deepest Collours ye other stripes to be perfect white, & that Sarcerillaes are more desired for all uses then Allejaes.

Sallampores @ Pa 27 & Co.	3,600:
Ditto @ Pa 28 & Co.	3,600:
Percollaes @ Pa 20 & Co.	6,000:
Ditto @ Pa 13 & Co.	6,000:
Ditto @ Pa 10¼ & Co.	6,000:

Neckcloths fine wrought at ye Ends.
Ditto striped with Silver & Gold.
Comises white & blew.
Bettelles striped like a Direas of different stripes some striped broader some narrower some thicker some thinner.
Ditto with flowers between ye stripes.
Ditto all flowered.
Any new sorts of Callicoes white or painted of each kind 10 Bales. of ye very fine sorts of Callicoes let there be fewer pces packt in a Bale.
All care imaginable to be taken that ye new sorts of Goods be bought as cheap as possible.
Be sure to send something of every sort written for by this yeares shipping & if possible by the first Ships though but a bale of a Sort.

Note Polliacat & Pettapollee fine paintings are very dear, but few therefore especially of black workes.
Note that y^e^ Dutch Callicoes are generally better & finer & that Callicoes being sold cheaper then formerly more of y^e^ fine sorts of each kind are demanded.

[*Endorsed*:] Collection out of severall lists of goods to be provided att Metchlepatam &c^a^.—rec^d^ ℔ the London—2^d^ June 1683—N° 12—Ent^d^ ℔ G: Luckyn.

A List of y^e^ Pacquett by y^e^ London.

N° 1. Copy Comp^as^ Gen'rall to y^e^ Fort dat: 28^th^ Aug: 1682.
. Copy Ditto . . . . dat: 6 Septemb^r^ 1682.
3. Copy Ditto . . . . dat: 20^th^ Septemb^r^. 4^th^ Octob^r^ 1682.
4. Comp^as^. Gen'rall to y^e^ Fort dat: 27^th^ Octob^r^ 1682 with a Rule or Law touching y^e^ natives.
5. Invoice of y^e^ Ship London.
6. Charterparty D° Ship.
7. Bill of Lading.
8. Paper concerning y^e^ Mint.
9. Permission for trade in Diamonds.
10. Sale of Diamonds.
11. Factors Indulgence.
12. Seamens Indulgence.

[*Endorsed*:] List of the Companies Pacquett ℔ London—Rec^d^: v^d^ 2 June 1683—N°. 13—Ent^d^ ℔ G: Luckyn.

Our Chief & Councell of Metchlepatam. Copie

Wee have in our Gennerall to our Agent and Councell at y^e^ ffort, confirmed their choyce of you for that Service and that this may come the sooner to your hands, wee have ordered Agent Hedges to send you this directly, w^ch^ is to enorder you to provide for us 10,000: Ps: of this inclosed sort, w^ch^: our Buyers assure us will turne us very well to Acco^t^: for that they doe not fray in washing, of this wee never had any our Selves, nor have heard of any before except 100Ps: that came over in private trade, know likewise that you may alwayes doe us acceptable Service by finding out of new Commodytes.

Wee are
Your loving ffreinds
Jos^a^ Child Gov^r^;

East India house
28^th^: May 1682.

[*Endorsed*:] Coppy—The Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Grall: to Metchlepatam—Dated May the 28^th^: 1682—Receđ: January 23^th^: 1682—N°. 14—Ent^d^ ℔ G: Luckyn.

Our Agent & Councill in the Bay of Bengal London 2^d^. April 1683.

The inclosed is Copie of our last by the Herbert Since w^ch^, many adverse accidents have happened to the affairs of this Comp^a^. not onely in the loss of Bantam to the Dutch, & the Johanna outward bound to your place with her Stock

of £70,000 most Bullion, but more especially by an extraordinary & unparalelled fail of credit, in all the publique Fo[n]ds of this City, which hath caused the failure of divers of the Goldsmiths in Lumbard Streete, whose names probably you will have an acco^{t}. of in private letters: This unusuall occurrence did so affrighten all people, that many demanded at once their money at Interest from the Company, to Satisfy whom we were necessitated to publish these three following resolutions. Viz^{t}.—

1st. That all the money arising upon March Sale Should intirely be disposed of towards the Satisfying of the Comp^{a}. debts.

2. That no Bullion Should be Sent out upon our Ships untill all the Companies debts due by or before 31 March were fully Satisfied.

3. That the Comp^{a}. would make no division of any money or goods to y^{e}. Adventurers untill all the debts now owing by them were fully paid.

These resolutions & the necessity that compelled us to them are the causes why we Send you no more Bullion by these Ships.

What goods we have on board each of them you will understand by the Invoices and Bills of loading.

And we do very well hope that considering how great a Stock was left in the Countrey when our last years Shipping came away, together with the early Stock [we sent you this] year, that you may wth: the help of money taken up at Interest in the Country, (and that little pittance we now send you) dispatch these Ships the George and Golden fleece fully loaden home to us, which as our affairs have fallen out are the last Ships you are to expect from us this year.

The Sampson departed for Surrat the 7th. of February 168[1] and the ffaulcon 22th. March following, both these Ships we hope may be early with us this Spring, having long since received letters overland from our President & Councill there that they were ready to load them.

And if the Resolution from the Coast, and the Defence from you should likewise prove early Ships home, they would be very [Welcome].

The Josia we have ordered for the Coast, hoping that with the [stock already] Sent them, and what Stock they had in money and goods when our last Ships came away, and what they now carry, they may load that Ship within that Agency, but in regard that it is much more difficult, to take up any great Sum̃ of money at Interest in those parts, then it is with you We have sent the George and Golden ffleece directly to you, having at first designed the George also for the ffort.

In this conjuncture of affairs you will do us a Singular Service in disposing of all our old remains concerning which we have wrote you very much & very earnestly in our former letters, and we hope you will now have an extraordinary opportunity for doing it, and that your just Sence of the state of our affairs wil-be a great incentive to provoke yo^{r} more then ordinary care & diligence in this matter.

Our old Guns and every thing else that hath lain by the walls, Sell now, or truck of in the best manner you can.

We do expect home great effects and better markets then we had last year (although those markets were very good, God be praised) but the ground of our hopes that this ensueing year may be better, is the very low estate of our Neighbors the Dutch in India, who can have very few Ships home this year, having weakened themselves So exceedingly with this attempt upon Bantam, and the Warrs they are ingaged in with the Tarnatta's.

Our King doth highly resent the affront offered to himself and other Christian Kings by the Dutch in their Surprize of Bantam & treacherous expelling the English and other Europeans out of the trade of that place, and we believe they will very Suddenly find themselves the greatest Sufferers by reason of it, which seems to be no Singular opinion of ours, but the concurrent voice of both Nac̃ons, for that our stock which hath been very low lately doth now dayly advance in estimac̃on, and their's as much declines.

Mr. Charles Chambrelan acquainting us that there were 12 Corge of silk longees & 70 pieces of gold and Silver Stuffs, being unprohibited, were provided and in a readines to be Sent by the last Ships that came from the Bay, but the Comander refused to take them in, which upon examinacon of the invoice produced unto us We find to be true, We have thought fitt upon his desire to order and direct that you order the Comander of one of those Ships to take them in and bring them home for his accompt.

And it appearing by the said Invoice, that there was provided for his acco^{t}: 30 Corge of Herba Longees and 30 p^{s}. of Atlasses which are both of them prohibited, and which he declares he is willing should be delivered to you Our Agent & Councell in the Bay, upon yo^{r} bill of Exch^{a}. at 2 ^{s} 6 ^{d} a Rupee, upon the prime cost with the charge and Comission, but in case the Said goods Shalbe laden on the expected Ships, before any new order Shall arrive with you, he is willing we Shall have them at the prime cost at 2 ^{s} 7 ^{d} a Rupee, We running the hazard of them, if it Shalbe proved by him they were laden on the expected Ships this year, which we have consented to. And there being also as he informs us 50 ^{oz} of Gold more sent by him to his correspond in the Bay, Of w^{ch}. (he Saith) he hath had no accompt what investment hath been made thereon, for which he is willing to do according to the said Invoice, as they Shalbe invested. We have accepted of the said proposicon & do hereby direct y^{t} you proceed therein accordingly, & advise us of what you shall do therein.

We having received a satisfying character of the Prudence, integrity & good abilities of M^{r}. Thomas Ley, we have elected him to serve us as one of Our Councill at Hughly upon his arrivall there, whom we doubt not but you will find industrious & active in our Service, in managing Such affairs as you shall comitt to his trust. And we have chosen Richard Watts Writer at the Sallary of £5 per annū to be imployed in Such of o^{r} ffactories as you shall thinke fitt.

We have sent you two presses for the packing of Cotton, which may be of great use to us, and M^{r}. Ley hath seen how the Same is to be managed and the particular direccons are in a paper apart herewith Sent you.

Our Accomptant Generall hath written to you at large concerning your bookes of acco^{ts}. which we desire may be seriously considered, and his desires therein fully complyed with.

M^{r} Samuel Meverell one of our ffactors at Pattana, having given us [addiconall] Security of £500. We have caused new Covenants to be drawn [and a bond] for performance thereof, which We desire you will see [executed] and returne to us.

We send you [here] with Copies of the Charterparties of the George & Golden ffleece that [you] may see what agreement We have made with them, both as to the time of their arrivall with you and dispatch from you.

In 1678/9 We shipped on board of the George Cap^{t}. Nehemiah Earning 5 bales of Broad cloth N^{o}. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17 containg [*sic*] 30 p^{s}. according to the particulars herewith, all which 5 bales were omitted in the Invoice and bill of lading. but Soon perceiving the Errour, they were charged to your ffactories acco^{t}. being intended for your parts, and not finding any credit for them in your books X rec^{d}. in January 1681/2 We charged them to the acco^{t}. of the Owners of that shipp, but they making proof of the delivery of the said individuall 5 bales, the 8th. of September 1679 as by the Copy of the Boatswains booke herewith, We recharged them back to your acco^{t}. And now we must recomend to you a criticall examinacon of this matter, for we have reason to fear that there is down right knavery in it, and if so, We would not onely require due Satisfaccon, but also punish it with Severity. Wherefore we expect a full and plain acco^{t}. how you find it, with your Sentiments thereon.

And if it should so happen that by the Loss of Bantam the Surratt Merchant or Kempthorne should be necessitated to come to yo^{r} port for all or part of her lading then in Such case We would have you to take the like care in their

lading and dispatch for London as if we had immediately consign'd both or either of the s[d] Ships directly to you from hence.

Jos[A]. Child Gov[R].
Berkeley.
Sam. Barnardiston.
Jn°: Lawrence.
Jam: Ward.
W[m]. Sedgwicke.
Jn°: Morden.
Thomas Davall.
Joseph Herne.
Ja: Edwards.
Chris: Boone.
Henry Serle.
Edward Rudge.
Tho: Papillon.

[P.S.] Though We are full of Business at p[r]sent We have caused o[r] Bookkeeper as well as he could in so short a time to draw out an Acco[t]. of the Remains of all goods unsold within yo[r] Agency of which We send you inclosed a Copy at first sight whereof we could not but admire at the great neglect of yo[r] predecessors to suffer such a stock to lye dead to whom We had often written that once every year they should clear our Warehouses of all Remains as We have since done to you with assurance of more Success, and expect yo[r]. performance accordingly.

[*Endorsed:*] Duplicate—Companies Generall to y[e]. Bay 2 April 1683—℔ George Via Fort S[t] George—N° 25—Recd[d] ℔[mo] Nov[r]. 1683 ℔ y[e] Josia—Ent[d] ℔ G. Luckyn.

Our Agent and Councill at
Fort S[r]. George. London 2[d] April 1683.

Herewith We send You Copies of our Letters of 20[th] Septemb[r] 4[th] and 27[th] October ℔ Ship London since which Wee have overland Letters from Surratt and Persia of 28 March and 10[th] April last wherein We have an excellent Acco[t]. of our Affairs at Surratt, worthily managed by our new President M[r] Child, and do like well the proceedings of our Servants in Persia.

Though We are full of Business at p[r]sent We have caus'd Our Bookkeeper as well as he could in so short a time to draw out an Acco[t] of the Remains of all goods unsold within your Agency, of which We send you inclosed a Copy, at first sight whereof Wee could not but admire at the great neglect of your predecessours to Suffer such a stock to lye dead, to whom we had often written that once ev'ry year they should clear our Warehouses of all remains as We have since done to you with Assurance of more Success.

Pray be very carefull in observacon of this order for the future which is of great concernment to Us, as well as great ease to our minds, and We know good Intentions such as yours are may invent many waies to effect so reasonable a thing.

We find that little quantity of cloth We have from Medapollam and Metchlepatam this year to come exceeding bad, and dear, by which We know those Factories are corruptly managed, as certainly as if We our Selves were upon the place and you must never leave changing till you have reduced them to honesty and better order, but take it for a certain and constant Rule that wherever you remove a man upon knowledge or presumpcon of Dishonesty or Infidelity to Us,

that you never trust him again in any other place in our Service but send them home to be examined, by our Selves here, and to answer such Bills of chancery upon their oath as Wee shall exhibit against them.

We have great expectacõn that the Gingee Country, as well as that where you are, may afford Us new sorts of goods, which have not usually come for England, and some dyed Callicoes fitt for Linings of all Colours which will sell readier than white, being fitt for present Use or any forreign Markett.

We find L. cloth is the commodity from those parts that Sticks most in hand, wherefore you need not Send of the ordinary Sorts above half what the List sent you this year mencõns, and of the fine Sorts Send Us ⅔ of the Quantity ordered.

We would have you to Send Us no more Diamonds by any of this years shipping untill you have fully well laded all our Ships now sent this year out unto you, and if after that you have a surplusage of stock on yo^{r} hands and can buy Diamonds for at least 50 ℔ C^{t} cheaper than those you bought and sent Us lately you may then Invest the Amount of 5000 Pagod^{as} in that Commodity, and no more; For what you sent Us by the George, Bengall &c̃ were Sold by Us for above £ 35 ℔ Cent Loss on their prime cost, besides Interest and Insurance.

Besides M^{r} William Shales who should have taken passage on the London, whom We entertain as our Factor at the Salary of £ 15 ℔ Annum, and now takes passage on the Josia, Wee have since entertain'd the following persons to serve Us at the Fort, and in other our Factories on the Coast of Choromandell Viz^{t}.

M^{r} Benjamin Northy.
M^{r} Ralph Ingram.
M^{r} Charles Mell.
} Factors at £ 15 ℔ Anñ each.

Francis Charlton.
Robert Deering.
} Writers at £ 5 ℔ Anñ each.

Wee have had a fair Character of M^{r}. Northy who was bred a Linnen Draper, and being well skilled in all sorts of cloth Wee judge he will be very Serviceable to Us, and on that Acco^{t}. do appoint him to be one of Councill at Metchlepatam or Medapollam.

We also finding M^{r} Charles Mell to be versed in Essaying of gold We would have him imploy'd in the Affairs of our Mint, and have sent severall materialls and other necessaries proper for o^{r} Service, and that afterwards he be imployd as a Factor in such Affairs, as you shall find him capable.

We have permitted M^{r} Nicholas Colborn to take his passage on the Josia for the Coast to look after the concerns of his deceased Brother, and have taken Security of his Friends in £ 200 bond for his returning back for England on the said Ship.

The Sale cloth We received this year by the Ship Bengall &c̃ being better than formerly Sent Us We would have ¼ part of that sort of Cloth of what you provide for Us to be well whited and the other three quarters to be brown and endeavour to buy the same as cheap as possible that the Vent thereof may be increased.

We have sent you a Press for the packing of cotton wooll which may be of great Use to Us, which you are to manage according to the particular direcõns which are in a Paper apart herewith sent you.

We send you herewith a Copy of the Charterparty of the Josia that you may See what Agreement Wee have made with the Owners both as to the time of this Ships arrivall with you, and the time of her departure from you. As also a Duplicate of Our Generall Letter to our Agent and Councill in the Bay w^{ch} after you have perused, Wee desire you will convey to them by the first opportunity.

If it should so happen that by the Loss of Bantam, the Surratt Merch^{t} or Kempthorne should be necessitated to come to yo^{r} port for all, or part of her lading, Then in Such Case Wee would have You take the like Care in their Lading and Dispatch for London, as if Wee had immediately consign'd both or either of the s^{d} Ships directly to you from hence.

We have not else to ad but commending you and o^{r} Affairs to the protection of the Almighty remain

Yo^{r} loving Friends
Jos^{A} Child Gov^{r}.
John Banks.
Ja. Edwards.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Jam : Ward.
Jo : Creed.
Chris Boone.
Ri. Hutchinson.

Sam Barnardiston.
W^{m} Sedgwicke.
John du Bois.
Fran Tyssen.
Joseph Herne.
Jn^{o} : Morden.
Thomas Davall.

[*Endorsed :*] The Comp^{as} Generall to the Fort S^{t} George dat. 2^{d} Apr^{l} 1683—No. 16—Rec^{d} ℔^{mo}. Nov^{r}. 1683 ℔ ship Josia—Ent^{d}. ℔ G. Luckyn.

Our Agent and Councill.
at Fort S^{t} George.

London, April. 4 1683.

Wee having received a very good Character of the Ingenuity of John Oneal now at Madrasspatam, Wee have upon the recommendacon of M^{r} Isaac Houblon thought fitt to entertain him into our Service for 5 years at the Salary of 5^{l} ℔ annum, and would have him imploy'd in Such of our Factories as you shall think fitt, We remain

Yo^{r} loving Friends
Jos^{A} Child Gov^{r}.
John Banks.
Ja : Edwards.
Jo : Creed.
W^{m} Sedgwicke.
Chris Boone.
Jn^{o} ; Morden.
John du Bois.

Ri : Hutchinson.
Thomas Davall.
Jam. Ward.
Edward Rudge.
Fran Tyssen.

[*Superscribed:*] For the right worp^{ll} the Agent & Govern^{r}. & Councill for the English Nation at the Fort S^{t}. George. These p^{r}sent.

℔ Josia. Q.D.C.

[*Endorsed :*] The Comp^{a}. Gen^{ll}. to ffort S^{t}. George dated the 4th ℔ Aprill 1683—Rec^{d} ℔^{mo}. Nov^{r}. 1683—℔ ship Josia.—N^{o}. 17.—Ent^{d} ℔ G. Luckyn.

Our Agent Governor and
Councill at Fort St. George.

London April 23^{D}. 1683.

We have omitted in o^{r} last to advise you about what Sorts of Carpetts we would have you to send Us which are according to the following Sises Vizt.

For Tables, 3 ydˢ long & 2½ yds wide
For Side boards, 2 ydˢ long & 1½ yds wide
For Beds, 5 ydˢ long & 3½ yds wide, & some 4^{yds} wide

of which We would have you send Us to the value of 500£ and that they be most of them of that sort of goodness which were Invoiced by the Bengall to cost 29½ fa^{n}, the Guzz. The large Carpetts which came by that ship selling for more pro Rato than the finest ones sent by her that cost double the price, and so did

all of that sort that cost 29¼ fa: the Guzz, though none of them did yeild any great profitt; but not being willing to loose any commodity, We hope yo[r] endeavours will be the more to buy them cheaper, that We may increase their Vent. We remaine

Yo[r] loving Friends
JOHN BANKS Gov[r].
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep[t].
RI: HUTCHINSON — JOSA CHILD.
JAM: WARD. — THOMAS DAVÁLL.
JOHN DU BOIS. — EDWARD RUDGE.
W[M]: [. . .]
THO COOKE.
W[M] [SEDGWICKE].
THO: CAN [HAM]
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Endorsed:*] The Hon[ble]. Comp[a]. Generall to Fort S[t]. George dated y[e] 23[d] Aprill 1683.—Rec[d] y[e] ℔[mo]. Nove[r]. 1683 ℔ Ship Josia.—N°. 18.—Entd ℔ G. Luckyn.

LONDON, APRIL 25[TH]. 1683.

R[T] WORP[LL].

The Court of Committees in theirs of 27[th] October ℔ Ship London made mencõn of an Award they intended to make touching Pedavincatadry which they hoped to send you ℔ the latter ships. The same is now finished, and sent ℔ the Josia, whereof you are to make Such Use, as may be for the Comp[as] honour and Service and not otherwise; And what Commissions and Interrogatories out of his Ma[ts] high Court of Chancery that are necessary to be taken out for discovery of the Frauds, and prosecucion of their Suit against M[r] Masters &c̃ shall be sent you by the first conveniency.

This had been of an Earlier Date but that before the change of the Court of Committees, upon Occasion [*sic*] of some disputes the same was deferred till now. I salute You with my due Respect and remaine

Yo[r] Worp[s]. most humble Serv[t].
Signed by order of the Court of Com̃ittees
RO BLACKBORNE Sec[ry].

Inclosed is a List of the Governo[r] Dep[ty],
and Com̃ittees for the year insuing.

[*Endorsed:*] Secretarys Letter Dated in London y[e] 25 Apr[ll] 1683—Rec[d] y[e] ℔[mo]. Nove[r].—1683 ℔ the Josia N°. 19.—Ent[d] ℔ G. Luckyn.

RIGHT WORPP[LL].

By the direcc̃on of the govern[r] of the East India Comp[a]. I send you the enclosed w[ch]. is a Com̃ission out of Chancery in w[ch]. the govern[r] and most of Com̃ittees are principally concerned Itt is to be executed according to the enclosed paper of Instrucc̃ons I am with greate respect

Yo[r] Worpp[s] most humble serv[t]
W[M] MOSES.

24 Apr. 83.

[*Superscribed:*] For the Right Worpp[ll]. The Agent Govern[r] and Councell for the English Nacon att ffort S[t] George—℔ Ship Josia—from y[e] Comp[a] Councellor.

[*Endorsed:*] London the 28[th] Aprill 1683.—William Moses.—℔ Josia ℔[mo] Nov[er]. 1683—N°. 20.—Ent[d] ℔ G. Luckyn.

To the Wor^ll^. Agent & Council at Fort S^t^. George.

S^rs^

By order of the Hon^ble^ East India Comp^a^. my Masters I am come hither to procure the signing of the Josiahs Bills of Loading, which haveing efected you have one of them inclosed and likewise the Standard of the Chest of Gold am^t^. t £16,605-12-5 which added to the Invoice sent you in the Gen^l^. Pacquet makes the Total £17,772-18-11. and accordingly please to give the Acc^t^. Cur^t^. Credito.

I am

Deal 6^th^. April 1683. S^rs^. Y^r^ humb^e^. Servant

John Holland.

[*Superscribed:*] To the Wor^ll^. Agent & Councell In Fort S^t^ George.

[*Endorsed:*] Deal the 6^th^ Aprill 1683.—John Holland.—℔ Josia. ℔^mo^. November 1683.—N°. 21.—Ent^d^ ℔ G. Luckyn.

Concerning the Mint at Fort S^t^. George, and Treasure.

The Agent and Councell in their General Letters of the 5^th^. Jan^y^: 6^th^: and 8^th^. ffeb^y^. 168/12 acknowledge the receipt of y^e^. Comp^a^. Informacons, and Instructions in that affair, w^ch^ they have seriously considered; and well with their utmost care and endeavours observed, and put in execution for the Comp^a^. advantage.

They say that our Pag^o^. pass in the Golcondah Countries, as well as those of Pollicot, & in some places 1 ℔ C^t^ better, but the Dutch have malitiously endeavoured to depretiate them by advising Madana to Coyn great quantities of our Stamp and Shape, but a fanam less in value w^ch^. accordingly was done, before they could prevent it, and only distinguished by a small pinch on the reverse, this they hoped to remedy by their further applications at Court and had allready gained Maha Rajahs promise to cause o^r^. pag^o^. (Since they are equall in Weight and value) to pass currantly & equally with those of Pollicot in the Chengy, and Vizapore Countries, where of late they have not been admitted for less then 2 or 2½ ℔ C^t^. loss, these two Services should be acceptably owned by the Comp^a^. for their encouragem^t^. to proceed in this, and to prevent any other such like cunning underminings hereafter.

It may be this undervaluing our Gold pag^s^. (if indeed it be So as they Say hath been in part the cause of raising the value of R^ls^ of 8^t^ in these parts, but We are otherwise informed there is no such difference as 2½ or 2 ℔ C^t^ or any difference at all either in the Chingy or Vizapore Countries, or to our Knowledg hath there been for many years past.

They take notice that 110^oz^. 4^dt^. 4^gr^: (it should [be] 5: gr: and answers to 9½ new pag^s^. to one ounce Troy Should produce exactly 1000 pag^s^. but their charging the Comp^a^. Acco^t^. with what is wanting thereof and Saying that what is over therein is their Loss needs an explanation.

We do not remember to have found any Acco^t^. to have rendred more but allmost all to come Short of that Number, w^ch^. must of Necessity arise from the mistakes of y^e^. invoyced report from the Tower here, or the ignorance or dishonesty of the Sherofs there.

We have oftentimes heretofore weighed and assayed Policat Pag^s^. (of w^ch^. they have sent none this year) and have found some of them ½ a gr: lighter, and ¼ gr: worse in fineness then ours Seldom So much heavyer or finer, but y^e^. most part equall Viz^t^: 2. 4⅓ gr: in weight, and 1. Car. 1¼ gr: worse then Standard.

Notwithstanding their Saying this business was never So narrowly observed heretofore the Success hath not answered for We never had a worse, nor so bad

an acco^{t} of our gold, from that place as this year, for the medium of those 11 Chests produces but 937½ new pag^{s}. for 100^{oz}. Standard gold, w^{ch} exactly should be 936. 26 fanams, and the least product that hath ever hapned to our remembrances hath been 947½ pag^{s}. w^{ch}. was in S^{r}. Edward Winters time, and that not on all but Some few Chests. We have Lately some Chests (though not y^{e} whole years quantity) render 963 pag^{s} and none less in the medium then 953$\frac{2}{3}\frac{2}{6}$ pag^{s} and that was Anñ 1677, But before and ever Since till now, Viz^{t}. Anñ 1678—956 pag^{s}. 1679—958¾, 1680—956, and 1676—957: 33 fan: So as y^{e} Comp^{a} loss is nearer 3. upon y^{e} whole then 1½ ℔ C^{t} as they advise and is above 300£ Sterling more then any other year, and more then 4000$^{£}$, of what our Gold Should duly and exactly produce.

They are very sensible of this great want or Shortness in the produce of y^{e} aforesaid 11: Chests of gold, and seem to have taken more particular notice of one of them, N°. D and of one particular Ingot N°. (38) in that Chest then of the rest howbeit We find by their Mint book, 2 other Chests, Viz^{t}. N°. A, and N°. B to produce Less then that for N°. A yields but 930 and N°. B. but 931 pag^{s}. for 100^{oz}: Standard gold, whereas N°. D. renders 932½ notwithstanding the great diminution in that one Single Ingot therein N°. 38. W^{ch} alone they Say Came Short 139 pag^{s}. these 3 Chests contained only Ingots, Some of y^{e} rest w^{ch} had pistols, and Soveraigns and Ducats produced a little better, though all of them very short of their due, for We have allways heretofore found the Ingots to produce a little better then the Coyns, because a few false pieces amongst them would debase y^{e} whole Mass. when melted together, of w^{ch} We have allways made some discoveries here (as this year allready considerably) they are Sometimes Small German Coyn & Medals, but chiefly quadruple pistols, and seldom or never Ducats.

They have sent their Mint book wth acco^{ts}. of the Coynage of 11. Chests of gold, & 9. small pieces, (for assays) of so many Ingots duplicated in Chest N°. D. as also. 6: 10: 12: gr: in another piece of gold taken from Ingot N°. 38 of the Same Chest, w^{ch} together with 5 pag^{s} new of their own mint, and other 5 of Madana's Coyn, We have caused to be doubly assayed, and We find them reported Viz^{t} the 5 Fort S^{t}. George pag^{s}. Waighing just 11^{dt}. to be 1: carrot worse, and the 5 of Madana's Coyn that weighed 11^{dt}. 1: gr: but 3¾ gr: worse then Standard w^{ch} renders them ⅔ of a fanam better instead of being a fañ worse then ours, as the Agent and Councell advise them to be, the 9 assays prove some exact, some a little better, and some worser then when they were sent out, but no considerable difference or detriment upon y^{e} whole (no not on N°. 38 itself) except in one part of that misterious piece of 6. 10. 12. gr: w^{ch} went Invoiced at ½ gr: better, but is now reported 1: 2¾ gr: worse then standard We mean y^{e} whole Ingot that weighed 33: 5; 7^{dt}: w^{ch}. yet by another assay taken from y^{e} opposite side of y^{e} said peice, they report from y^{e} Tower to be just y^{e} same as when it was sent out, namely ½ gr: better, so as upon 4 assays, we have 3 different reports. This whole Ingot N°. 38 is owned by M^{r} Cook to have been melted and cast in his own house, and without any fraud or such suspitious Circumstances as now appears in y^{e} piece of 6^{oz}. & w^{ch}. is of severall colours, and seems to be of two meltings.

By all this it may be justly Suspected, y^{t} the greatest abuse is done by those cunning Gentues that manage y^{e} Mint at Madrassapatam, w^{ch} y^{e} Agent and Councell by this intimation, & their own further experience may make enquiry into and possibly prevent for y^{e} future & recover Some Satisfaccon for w^{t} past.

It seems they continue their tedious, troublesome & needless, chargeable manner of assaying and adjusting the fineness of our gold to their mat, of w^{ch}. the Agent and Councell have again given a ℔ticular relation. It would be well if they could prevail wth. their Sherofs to alloy y^{e} pag^{s}. wth all copper as they do here and every where else) instead of 4/5 Silver it would save y^{e} Comp^{a} a considerable sum every year in regard our gold, goes out much finer then their pag mat, and y^{e} quantity sent out is now much greater then heretofore.

They would have all y^{e} Ingots first melted and then reassayed at y^{e} Tower, w^{ch} cannot conveniently be done by y^{e} Comp^{a}. nor without charge and trouble to

the Goldsmiths, Notwithstanding for what they melt themselves they may avouch, and for Such Ingots as they buy allready melted they may (especially any such as they Suspect) cut them in y^e^ middle as we have done barrs of Silver, for this kind of cheat is allways done at ye^e^ ruñing y^e^ mettle into y^e^ mould, when they Sink Copper, Iron, or whatever it be into the middle of y^e^ Ingot, w^ch^ if done before would melt and be diffused into y^e^ whole mass and so become discovered by y^e^ assay.

If they will reduce y^e^ English standard from y^e^ Comp^a^. Invoices to their Mat by y^e^ pen [s] they may not only discover but prevent any such great Mistake or abuse as hath now fallen out.

They advise to have disposed 14 Chests of R^ls^. 8^t^ at 16¼ & 16⅝ & 16⅜ for 10 pag^s^ and the R^ls^. to be full 8 pag^s^. in weight, w^ch^. none of o^r^. Chests, & but very few baggs do reach to, so 'tis likely they make abatem^t^, (as they do at Surratt) for want of weight, they went y^e^ year before at 15½ without y^e^ allowance for weight, they say not what species of R^ls^. are most or least in esteem, nor have we any acco^t^. or advice at all of y^e^ values or disposall of any sort of Treasure at Metchlepatam, or Bay of Bengall, only from y^e^ latter place they have formerly desired R^ls^. 8^t^ rather then barrs of Silver, because of ye great loss of time and hazard in sending them as far as Rajamal to be coyned into Rupees, nor have they of late years discouraged the sending of Gold & therefore We are of opinion there may be now at least one Chest of Gold, (as there was y^e^ last year) sent thither.

We cannot discern the mark of distinction they mention to be put between Madana's pag^s^. and ours, by a pinch on y^e^ reverse, We find only y^e^ rim, or a circle on the reverse of those broader and larger then ours.

They hoped to obtain a phirman for coyning Silver Rupees at y^e^ cost of 2000 pag^s^. w^ch^. will be well given if they can procure it, but they must be very carefull to make them exact, both in weight and fineness to y^e^ Current of that Country, for We find much difference in all We have tryed here as well in weight as fineness, between those of y^e^ Bay, and those of Surratt, as also of those of Sojohans Coyn at Surratt, and those of Oremzebs y^e^ present Mogull, of w^ch^. by 2 new ones We now received from Surratt, We find both to weigh 7^dt^. 10: gr: each and is reported 14^d^. better then standard.

They think it unnecessary to Coyn fanams, because they pass not above 10 miles about that Town, nor any pice at all in any of those parts, but if there be no loss to y^e^ Comp^a^. or other inconveniency in coyning fanams, it may be necessary to continue them whereby to make change, for we know as yet of no Smaller Coyn they have there then Cashees, whereof 6 make a fanam, & 36 fanams a pag^o^. in their book of rates.

They desire some Beams, Scales, and severall Setts of Weights, w^eh^ are made ready to be sent to them.

This discourse becomes more large then it was intended or may be thought necessary, but the Govern^r^. may abreviate or alter it both in Stile Substance and Method, as he thinks fitt, or S^r^. Jer: Sambrooke.

We understand that y^e^ Sherofs employed in y^e^ Mint are in confederacy or Some kind of partnership w^th^ Pedda Yenkatadry, and Chena Yenkatadry, who manage y^e^ affairs in y^e^ Town, and were brothers to Temana, and one of them partners with Verona, they are of one (but a mean) cast, and not at all imposed by y^e^ King of Golcondah, and so may be at any tyme put out, and others more honest and faithfull employed in their places.

[*Endorsed*:] Papers concerning the Mint—Coppy—N° 8.

DIRECTIONS HOW TO USE Y^E^ PRESSES FOR PACKING COTTON.

First lay the peece of Timber which y^e^ Screwes go through, on one side, than winde in the Screwes up as farr as you can, then lay the Bedd on one side, and put in the Bolts & Keyes, and soe fasten them together, and when you have soe done, raise it alltogether, and lay the lower Bedd as levell as possible can be, and

see that y^e^ Screwes stand uppright, then put on the head Board with two holes, on to y^e^ topp of the Screwes, and from thence fasten Shores to y^e^ side of the Warehouse to keep them steady & fix'd, & Keep the heads of the Bolts cleare from any thing that shall cllogg or hinder them, by putting 5 peeces of Timber of about halfe a foot thike, & about 2½ foot long under the Bed, and then lay upon the Bed the great Planke, after that y^e^ Ropes & Gunnies, and then y^e^ great Box. then draw your Ropes to a convenient length, and put one Man or two into y^e^ Box to tread the Wooll as hard as they can, after that is either full or neare full, put on y^e^ second and tread it likewise, so unto y^e^ last, than lay on Canvas againe, after that put on y^e^ Planke with Ledges, the ledges downewards, because they answer y^e^ lower Ropes to binde the Pack. Note that you must strike off every Box after the ledges has clear'd it, and then sett it downe & cleare y^e^ next, till you have sett it as hard as you thinke convenient, after that take off all y^e^ rest, & you may goe 8 or 10 turnes at an end w^th^. great ease, & then sew the Gunnies & binde y^e^ Pack.

Upon y^e^ edge of each Box you will finde the numbers how to put them togeather.

[*Endorsed*:] Directions for using the Cotton Press—℔ m^o^ Novem^br^ 1683—N° 23—Ent^d^ ℔ G: Luckyn.

To the Worsp^ll^: the Agent
& Councell at Fort S^t^ George.

S^rs^.

By the Metchlepatam books I find their charge for servants wages to be unreasonable. 1309 pag^s^. in one year it's insufferable and that after such positive directions from our Masters, that the expence of y^t^ Factory should not be above 5 or 600 Pagodas ℔ annũ at most: as you will find by y^e^ Generall Letter dat^d^. 3^d^. Janua^ry^. 1678/9. by their books X they make their charge & expence to amo^t^ to above 3400 pag^s^. I doubt the Cheif must pay for his extravagancies.

They intitle the acco^t^ of houses at Metchlepatam Factory Metchlep^m^ w^ch^ ought to be houses at Metch^m^ & houses at Pettipole.

You mistake in the Golden Fleeces Cargo outward w^ch^ you made amount to £70002: 4: Sterl. whereas our invoice made it but £69988·14 [it's. . . . 3 pare] of Tryangles, w^ch^ yo^u^ charge at pag^s^ 33. 12:—being 15 whereas we charge but £1: 10:—Differs just £ 13: 10.

By the Berkly Castle 80 Sallampores N° [7] in lieu of 80 N°. 20 and 80 Salampores N°. 8 in lieu of 20 p̃s Long cloth br. differs in price 22¼ pag^s^. w^ch^ ought to be rectified by yo^r^ Warehousekeeper.

Metchlepatam in their Last Invoice ℔ y^e^ Eagle charge us w^th^ a bale of Musters N°. 26 cont̃ 25 p̃s w^ch^ they make to amount unto pag^s^. 25. 2. 3. but y^t^. bale was not rec^d^ here. Soe y^t^ the Owners have paid for it.

You differ very much from Huglys remains but the Bay being made a distinct Agency I shall here only object against such Artickles as may tend either to y^e^ P or [Loss] of the Comp^a^. or any ℔ticul^r^. person. And upon examination I find but one in y^t^. nature, & y^t^ Soe inconsiderable y^t^ it is hardly worth yo^r^ trouble to take notice of it, You differ w^th^. Bengale [Rup^s^: 513: 4, w^ch^ you give y^m^ short Credit for y^t^. Years 4 Shipps Cargoe from thence (viz^t^) the Sampson, President, Eagle & Berckly Castle, but of y^t^ I find 400 rup^s^. they charge for 100 baggs Salt peter sent more then Invoyced by the Berkley Castle. w^ch^ I conclude to be their Mistak and I soe suppose y^e^ remaind^r^ is. . . .

In the last Hugly books Y fol̃ 48, they charge yo^r^ acc^t^. w^th^ rup^s^. 303.10. as owing [by] Maurice Winn for Freight of 200 Baggs of Sugar sent to the Fort ℔ Eagle: I hope you have rec^d^ it but I doe not find it made rec^d^. in yo^r^ last books if it be not rec^d^. procure y^e^ Payment out of his Estate if you cann for elce it may be lost, & in answere to y^s^ advize what is or can be done in it w^th^ you.

You differ both from Metchlepatam & Madopollam's remains. Met [ch^{m}] according to their last books W. make their remains but pag^{s}. 64,826. 24. and by yo^{r} last books you charge y^{m} wth pag^{s} 92643.24.1. and Madop^{m}. [y^{u}] charge wth but pag^{s}. 30,948 :-: 1 & their last books make remaining, pag^{s}. 51,088: 24: 4 both these differrences are Occasioned by not comparing yo^{r} subordinate Factories Books wth their accounts in yo^{r} books, being the Old fault, w^{ch} I did not [.....] any more in the Fort books, [& hope this will be the last].

Madapollam ought no to remaine a D^{r} of pag^{s} 416-3-4. it ought either to be charged to Fleetwoods Acco^{t}. as I wrote in Janu^{ry}. 1678/9 or discharged by P & Loss.

George Chamberlaine & Thomas Radcliffs [debts] ought to be recovered at Metchlep^{m}. or at least they ought to write what Likelyhood of recovering Chamberlains great Debt.

W^{m}. Ayliff & W^{m}. Cullins Credit in Metchlepatam books ought to be carried to y^{e} Acco^{t} Curr^{t}. & not alwayes remain there to make good demands: if there be any let it be decided y^{t}: we may [acc^{t}:] wth their relations here, and the demands on the Ship Recovery ought likewise to be ended. John Coopers C^{r}. ought to be carried to our acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.

They have at Metch^{m}. as in all other Factories [positive] orders not to charge any Factors acc^{t}. wth. goods delivrd to him. Yet I find in their last Journ^{l} y^{t} they charge Maurice Wynn wth pag^{s}. 8. 18. 4 for petty goods w^{ch} I take to be a great contempt of y^{e} Company's orders & ought not be past by wth you, but examn^{d}: & checked, they have been desired several years since not to make Fractions of their cash. Yet they will doe it, though Little Sence or reason for it: no fraction of pence kept here & yo^{r} cash is but the one halfe of a penny. pray give y^{m} yo^{r} orders about it.

What y^{e} meaning is that they charge 200 pag^{s}. for a Standart I know not. See Metchl^{m}. Journ^{l} fol [24].

I know no reason why y^{t} acco^{t} of Japan Copangs should continue in the Metchlepatam books to no purpose I think it is proper they should be sent to you & there either coined in pagathos or otherwise disposed of.

The Receiver of yo^{r} Customes remains a D^{r} of pag^{s} 1,784: 19 :-w^{ch} ought to have bin paid into the Treary or at least the major part of it.

I have rec^{d} M^{r}. Samuel Wallis answere to the 8 [p^{s}] Izarees wanting in his bale, w^{ch} remain a charge on his acco^{t}. but I never understood y^{t} the money was to be recovered of him in India. When he returns for England he may dispute the paym^{t}. here. & for tyme to come all Warehouse keepers, will doe well to have their ticketts of y^{e} [cont^{ts}:] of y^{e}. bales attested by one or two of y^{e} factors or writers there resid^{t}: w^{ch}: will more or less excuse them.

I rec^{d} yo^{r} answere dat^{d}. Febr^{ry}. 1681/2 whereby I perceive you cannot easily get that small additionall debt. And I think it is not M^{r}. Jersey's interest to dispute it. However you will doe well to have a care y^{t} he doth not runn farther in debt, & accordingly You may give a charge to yo^{r} Subordinate Factories.

We have rec^{d} Metchlepatam & Madapollams answere about M^{r}. Fleetwoods acco^{t}. w^{ch} is very full, but find not a penny more recovered of him w^{ch} ought to be done if possible but if nothing can be recovered then you or they ought to give a reason for [it] that the Company may recover it of their Sureties here.

We still want the first pare of Madapollam books N°. A: they were never sent us if they are in being as I suppose they are, pray let us have a Coppie of them.

London, the 30 March 1683.

FRANCIS BEYER Accomp^{t} Generall.

[*Endorsed:*] The Accomptants paper to y^{e} Fort. Dated In London y^{e} 30th March 1683—N° (6)—Rec^{d} y^{e} ꝑ^{mo} Nove^{r}. 1683 ꝑ Ship Josia.

Remains of Europe Goods in Fort St. George 30th June 1682.

Sandall Wood 12^{lb}	...	...	...	...	18:	2
Looking Glasses 11	...	...	...	...	39: 25:	—
[Sword Blades] 80	...	...	...	...	[38]: 35:	1
[Lead 1089 Piggs]	...	...	...	...	[5,178]: 32:	1

Copper plates 1081	[9,233]	13	5
[Tyn] 46 Barlls	1,716	27	—
[V]ermillion 3 Tubbs	725	18	—
Quicksilver 12 cases	1,632	22	—
Cloth Rashes 337 y^{ds}	211	21	1
Stuffs 1 p^{s}:	4	16	—
Perpetuanoes 951	279	26	1
Scarlet and colours 168	318	22	3
Serges 253	99	2	1
Norw^{ch}: Stuffs 31 ps:	189	20	2
Broad Cloth 270	168	30	—
Indico 3 Barlls	600	0	—
White Lead 113^{lb}	7	10	1
Red D°: 405	13	9	1
Corrall Grego 3 Chests	2,636	09	—
Fragments of Corrall 3 Chests	109	20	—
Counterfitt Corrall Beads 57^{lb}	256	10	4
Copper in Chests	12,315	33	3
	35,776	31	2

REMAINS OF EUROPE GOODS IN METCHLEPATAM APRI^{LL} 30TH: 1681.

Tyn 64θ	624	34	—
Vermillion 13θ	670	—	—
Quicksilver 135^{lb}.	473	28	—
Lead 1094θ	1,163	24	3
Copper 100	1,454	10	2
Brimstone 84	142	14	2
Corrall Grego 375^{lb}	[8]26	24	—
Fragm^{ts}. of D°. 1660	49	20	—
Stuffs for 15 p^{s}.	75	22	2
Broad Cloth for 144 halfe p^{s}:	1,732	28	3
Cloth Rashes. 12 D°.	130	15	2
	7,344	5	2

REMAINS OF EUROPE GOODS IN MADAPOLAM APR^{LL} 30TH: 1681.

Iron 192θ	298	16	—
Lead 50	82	12	1
Scarlet & other Colours 11 y^{ds}	20	5	3
Broad Cloth 206	145	3	—
Cloth Rashes 3 p^{s}	55	25	5
Stuffs 4	22	23	3
Sword Blades 2	—	23	2
Looking Glasses 2	11	—	—
	636	1	2

[*Endorsed :*] Remains of Europe Goods at the Fort &c^{a}—N°. 24—Ent^{d} : ℔ G : Luckyn.

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LIST OF THE COMP^{AS}: PACQUET BY THE JOSIA

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

N^{o}: 1 : Copy of the Comp^{as}: Gen^{lls}: to y^{e}: ffort dated 20th: Septem^{r}: 4th: October and 27th: d^{o}: ℔ ship London.
2 : Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: dated 2^{d} Aprill 1683.
3 : Invoice of the ship Josia.
4 : Bills of Lading D^{o} : (in a Pacquet apart).
5 : Charter party of D^{o} : ship.
6 : The accomptants paper to the ffort.
7 : Remaines of Europ goods at ffort S^{t} George.
8 : Directions for useing y^{e} : Packing Press.
9 : Papers conserning y^{e} : Mint.
10 : Order of Court for permission trade.
11 : Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: to y^{e} : Bay 2^{d} : Aprill 1683.
12 : Comp^{as} : letter to Pedda Vincatadry Chyna Vincatadry.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL
AT FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE. LONDON, Y^{E} 20TH JULY 1683.

thanks for Care & sincerity in o^{r}: business.

1. Wee have reĉd Yo^{rs}: of the 11th: 15th: and 18th: Janu^{ry}: by y^{e}: Resoluĉon, and Chino Merch^{t}: w^{ch}: gives us abundant satisfacĉon & irrefragible proofe as well of your fidelity at your sufficiency and therefore wee can doe noe less then give you our hearty thankes for your great care and sincerity in our business.

allowing yo^{r}: reasons for not sending home Mr. Jearsey make a Cleare accot: wth: him get wt: you Can [&] obligation for ye rest.

2. Wee allow your reasons for not sending home M^{r}: Jearsey but whither he be able or not wee cannot suffer him to stay there if his Acco^{ts}: be not cleared, Therefore whither he be able to pay or not make presently a finall and cleare Acco^{t} wth him gett w^{t} you can in part, and take his obligaĉon for y^{e} rest, upon w^{ch}: give him a full discharge from us, and take y^{e} like from him, if afterwards he prove insolvent, wee shall be content to loose the remainder but whatever you doe make an end of it, that wee may not be troubled to fill our Letters, and keep our books open upon such old, confused occasions.

ye increase of the revenue of ye Town to be proceeded by all methods.

3. The increase of the town revenue is certainely a most reasonable thing to be not onely attempted but constantly proceeded in by all the methods you can invent, w^{ch}: wee doe y^{e} more earnestly press for y^{e} good of our Common Country and posterity, for certainely y^{e} Dutch would never have arrived to y^{t} Grandeur, nor done halfe y^{e} great thinges they have done in India if they had not bin expert in y^{t}: kind of Policy (viz^{t}) Makeing places conquered or fortify'd, to pay y^{e}: charge of theire future preservaĉon, as well as y^{e} first Cost of their Settlem^{t}: in somuch (as wee are well assur'd) y^{t}: notwth: standing theire vast charges & Guards at Batavia, y^{e} Revenue of y^{t} place, renders them now 90000 pounds sterl ℔ anñ over and above all theire annuall expences, But you are so Just prudent & carefull of our Interest, y^{t} wee shall not possitively enjoyn you any Method or tyme for y^{e}: doeing this necessary Worke, but leave it to yo^{r} discretions to effect it gradatim.

Leave it to yor: Discretion to Effect.

approve of yo^{r} buildings.

4. Wee approve of yo^{r}: addiĉonall buildings, and would have you use all meanes to Strengthen y^{e} ffort & Town, and likewise to enlarge y^{e} place, & as neare as you can keep all persons to build regulerly y^{t} it may in tyme be a decent as well as a great and strong Citty. There is in all parts of y^{e} World (y^{t} wee know) a duty, w^{ch}: wee in England call Murage w^{ch}: is a Contribuĉon from y^{e} people towards walling, and makeing ffortresses to defend y^{e} place, something of that kind wee think you might perswade y^{e} heads of y^{e} people to consent to, for their & their posterity's security, but tho: wee give you this hint, & would have you in raiseing of Revenues (as neare as you can) imitate y^{e} Dutch methods yet wee will not expose you to any thing, y^{t} may put you into y^{e} disaffecĉon of y^{e} People.

a Duty of murage towards ye building walls ffortress &ca: by ye: People to be pd: for their security.

not to get ye Disafection of ye People.

sorting to be Honestly ℔ form'd in all Subordinate ffactories.

5. Wee have not yet opne'd any of yo^{r}. goods but doubt not of their proveing to our full Content, & you must be restless in yo^{r}. endeavours till you have compell'd the Sorting to be as honestly perform'd in all Subordinate Factory's, w^{ch}: is of great & continuall concernm^{t}. to us, If y^{t} be done it is morrally impossible (God sending our Ships safe home to us) but wee must thrive notwth: standing y^{e} great increase of our Trade for all goods of India grow dayly more in use in Europe.

We ℔mit you to Settle at Pegu, ye rather, a disobliged dutchman yt formerly Cheif there, says be made 40 Tons of Gold ℔fitt in few years.

6. Wee see you still incourage y^{e} Settlement of a Factory at Pegu and suppose our Ag^{t}: may remember y^{t} wee had formerly a Factory there, & in many other places, w^{ch}: we were forc't afterwards to wth draw, because y^{e} Trade of such places did not maintaine y^{e} Charge of y^{e} Factory Presents, &c^{a} but wee must confess Wee think y^{e} fault might not altogeather be in y^{e} places, but in y^{e} men, Management and direcĉon of them. Now wee are so well satisfyed y^{t} you will truely weigh & consider y^{e} Cost wth y^{e} conveniency for us as cordially as for yo^{r}. Selves, Wee shall permitt you to settle there in such manner & upon such termes as you shall thinke most for our advantage, & y^{e} rather because a disoblig'd Dutchman y^{t} was formerly many yeares Cheife of y^{t} place hath given us hyperbolicall comendaĉons of it, He sayth (if he may be believ'd) he made 40 Tonn of

Gold profitt there for y^e^ Dutch Camp^a^: in a few yeares, And now you have so many Subordinate Factory's it must be yo^r^: great care not to continue any of them, y^t^: you shall not find turne us well to Acco^t^: another use you may likewise make of y^e^ variety of Factory's Viz^t^: to subdue those most expensive, to y^e^ measure of those more frugall Factory's, & y^e^ deare goods of some places to y^e^ price of cheaper in others.

never to give over trading in any Commodite beg^n^.

7. Wee doe never intend to give over tradeing in Dyamonds or any Comodity wee have once begun w^th^ but when wee loose out of Purse after all our Care & hazard, it's absolutely necessary wee should slack our hand till at least y^e^ price there abates to such a degree y^t^ wee may see our own againe here w^th^ y^e^ advance of plaine Interest & assurance.

y^e^: makeing of Flaxen Cloth at Madep^m^: of all sorts pursue y^e^: makeing Indico.

8. Wee are very glad to heare there is fflax & Hemp at Madap^m^: & would have you pursue y^e^ makeing of fflaxen Coth of all sorts as great & Naconall Interest to England and if you could make some as fine as y^e^ finest Holland it must certainely turne well to Acco^t^. pursue likewise industriously y^e^ makeing of y^t^ sort of Indicoe.

the making Comp^s^ of Merchants & making each of y^m^, jointly oblig'd for all they receive.

9. One great thing y^t^: confounded and ruined us formerly in our New setled ffactorys was our makeing of bad debts, to prevent w^ch^: there never was so good an Invencon as y^t^: of makeing entire Comp^as^: of Merch^ts^: and makeing each of them joyntly & severally oblige for all they receive w^ch^: method wee would have y^r^: promote and establish in all Subordinate ffactorys as neare as possibly you can after y^e^ manner of the ffort.

approve of the Disposall of o^r^: Stock. we would never have you when well in Cash refuse a good bargaine of Dymonds.

10. The Acco^t^. you give us of the disposall of our Stock is like the rest of yo^r^ proceedings greatly to our satisfaccon and wee shall governe our affaires accordingly this yeare but when you find yo^r^: selves so well in Cash, wee would never have you refuse a very good bargaine of Dyamonds, after you have reduced these People to moderate rates for indeed (considering y^e^ quality of those you sent us last yeare) wee cannot think but y^t^: they were bought dearer by 30 ℔ Cent then those wee had y^e^ same yeare from Surrat in w^ch^ notw^th^: standing wee doe excuse you, because wee conclude you did yo^r^ best altho: most certainely wee know you were surprised and overreached in theire value upon yo^r^: first arrivall.

you need not make appolige for turning out M^r^: Davis for wee will have you intirely obyed by all.

11. You need not have put yo^r^: selfe to y^e^ trouble of Apologes for turneing out M^r^. Davis for wee have confidence in your Integrity and will have you intirely obey'd by all y^t^: eat our bread, let them have w^t^ ffreinds they will here.

may make a Counter-scarpe to the Seaward, ships shall bring Stones from Johanna.

12. You may make a Strong Counterscarpe to y^e^: Seaward of y^e^ ffort as you propose and our Ships shall all bring you Stones from Johanna for y^t^ and other purposes, but not Slact lyme from hence, but instead thereof y^t^ w^ch^: is better and cheaper to us Viz^t^ Coles and Chalke great store, of w^ch^: Chalke you may burne w^t^ you want into Lyme y^e^ rest is as good filling for yo^r^ Walls, as any Stone you can have.

ships are a great charges, there to keep or Vessells employ'd Continually.

13. Wee are sending 6 Smacks or Sloops fitted to Sayle and Rowe as Tenders to our Bantam ffleet, Armed each with 12 or 16 Raretackers of brass 31: w^t^: each. One of w^ch^ wee shall order for yo^r^: use at y^e^ ffort but wee have found by wofull experience y^t^ Shipps or Vessells of our own in India are a monstrous eateing consumeing charge to us and therefore it must be yo^r^ great and constant Study to keep our small Vessells in India so imploy'd as y^t^: they may move then earn y^re^: cost and charge.

for procuring Phirmaund for Coining Rupees.

14. Wee are still of opinion y^t^ you should procure y^e^ Phirmaund for coying of Rupees not doubting in y^e^ least but y^t^ wee shall procure y^re^ passing in y^e^ Bay and all our Affaires will soon be setled there in a farr better condicon then ever they were yett and if it can be had at y^e^ same Charge, wee see noe reason why you should not gett pice & ffanams incerted in y^e^ same Phirmaund.

a large supply of ffactors & Servtˢ: you may settle a ffactorie att Golcondah.

15. Wee shall send you a large supply of ffactors and writers this Yeare and if you find it for our advantage when you are so well supply'd you may settle a ffactory at Golcondah.

16. This is as much as wee thinke fitt to say (in answer to yoʳ lr̃es aforesd by an overland conveyance.

although we expect Sr: John: Chardin next week wth order from States for drawing all Dutch force from Bantam, yet we send 9 great ships & 6 small Vessels. Ships to be Loaden timely sent home without Entring upon demorage in India.

17. Now wee shall tell you that altho: wee doe expect Sr: John Chardin over next week wth an ordr: from ye States Genrll: and Bewinthebbers for wth: drawing all ye: Dutch forces from Bantam yett wee are sending a ffleet of 9 great Ships and 6 small Vessells thither, because our long experience of the nonconformance of Dutch orders will not suffer us to trust or depend upon this they now pretend to give us.

18. Wee shall likewise send in Septembr: or Octobr: at fartherst Two Ships to yoʳ place to be laden intirely from ye precincts of yoʳ Agency: Two directly to ye. Bay & Two to Surratt to be laden imediately & sent home tymely for our Spring Sales wth: out entring upon any demorage in India.

Ships to goe to Bantam, from thence to Sevll: ffactories. suppose you have Composd ye: business wth: Subidar att Porto Nova. methods for ye Defeating the Interlops: by the Kings Counll:

19. Our Ships yt goe to Bantam wee hope will have a speedy dispatch there from whence they shall have orders to goe to our severall ffactorys in India to be laden joyntly or severally as thinges shall fall out between us & ye Dutch at Bantam.

20. Wee cannot think but you have upon ye arrivall of Mr Lucas in ye London composd yt business wth: ye Subidar at Porta Nova wch: is highly for our Interest it being a place at wch Ally certainely bought goods cheaper then wee have usually had them from other places.

21. The affaires of ye Interlopers wee hope will be soon at an end. His Majtv: being fully resolved to suppress them the methods proposed for ye effectuall doeing thereof by ye Kings Councill here are 1st: by stopping them from goeing out, (as wee did Sands Ship yt: lyes by ye walls) 2ly: By our own acc̃ons for Damages 3ly: By informac̃on in ye: Crown Office in the Kings name for high Misdemeanours, upon wch: such as are found guilty in [*sic*] be fin'd to ye King at ye Judges discrec̃on In ye: two last foremenc̃ond waies wee have begun wth 25 of them which is thought abundantly more effectuall then stopping or seizeing theire goods wch: cannot be so well justify'd in England by our Charter as it may be in India as our Councill informes us.

Particular Informations against Vincent, Pitts, & Dorell kept in Custody by ye: kings messengers security of 40,000 l each for.

22. But in regard the Crymes perpetrated by Vincent, Pitts, and Dorrell in ye Bay were most enormous, there was perticuler Informac̃on agst: them, upon wch: they were taken and kept some days in Custody by ye Kings Messengers and then dismissed, giveing 40,000 pounds each security to answer ye Kings suit, The issue whereof wee have reason to beleive will make them sick of yt kind of Interlopeing Trade.

23. By ye: Shipps yt: are to retourne from Bantam to yoʳ: place, you may probably have a good supply of Souldiers.

noe chief of any Subordinate ffactoree shall take place of ye youngest of our Counll at Fort (except) he be a member of sd: Counll:

24. Our Councill at ye: ffort being now become Directors genrll: of so many ffactorys upon yt Coast as well as at Pegu and Acheen and our purpose being to advance yt: place as neare as wee can, to ye Reputac̃on of Batavia Wee think fitt and doe order yt: for ye: future noe Cheife of any Subordinate ffactory shall take place of ye youngest of our Councill at ye: ffort, except such Cheife be also a Member of our said Councill.

25. And to y^e^ Intent y^t^ wee may for ever here after be free'd from y^t^ wicked Cheif of Dustury in all places Subordin^te^: to yo^r^ Agency as well as in y^e^ Bay, wee doe for y^e^: future wholy forbid y^e^ allowance of any such Duety to any Cheif Dubass or Interpreter but y^t^ in leiu thereof you doe allow him a convenient Sallary as wee are Informed you doe at y^e^ ffort, And this we recomend to yo^r^: present reformacon in all places where you have not done it allready and y^t^ you suffer no such ill Customes, under any other name or pretence in any of our ffactory's.

noe allowance of Dustry to any Cheif dubass, but in leiu thereof allow: him Convet Sallary.

So comending you and our affaires to y^e^: guidance and Protecc̃on of y^e^: Almighty Wee Remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds

Rich^D^: Hutchinson.	John Banks Gov^R^.
John Du Bois.	Berkley.
Francis Tyssen.	Jos^A^ Child.
John Moore.	Tho^s^: Davall.
W^M^: Jarrett.	Caleb Banks.
Henry Serle.	Edward Rudge.
	Tho: Canham.

[*Note.*—The following papers are omitted here and will be printed from Vol. V:—
From Josiah Child to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 26th July 1683, pp. 66-70 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 47-48 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 14th August 1683, pp. 70-73 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 48-50 *infra*.
Order of the Court of Committees, dated 10th August 1683, p. 74 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 50 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 6th June 1683, pp. 75-76 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 50-51 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 13th June 1683, p. 77 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 51-52 *infra*.
From the Company to the President, Agents, Chiefs, etc., dated 9th October 1683, (entered twice), p. 78 and pp. 104-05 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 52 *infra*.]

Our Agent & Councill
at ffort St: George. East India house, y^E^: 12: 9^BR^: 1683.

Upon our second thoughts, of our Considerable affairs at y^e^: ffort it is our express order, y^t^: our worthy Agent M^r^: Gifford do not proceed in ℔ son upon our intended design for Acheen, but that he do send Such others as himselfe and our Councill shall thinke most capeable of doing y^t^: business well & discreetly, wee Remain.

That Mr. Gifford agt. doe not Proceed in Person for Atcheen, but send some others who shall manage that buisyness discretly.

Your Loving friends
Jn^o^: Banks Gov^R^:
Jos: Child.
Jos: Herne.

[*Note*—The following papers are omitted here and will be printed from Vol. V:—
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 5th September 1683, pp. 79-81 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 52 (note) and pp. 62-63 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 19th October 1683, pp. 82-103 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 52-62 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 12th November 1683, (entered twice) pp. 79 and 104 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 41 *infra*.
From Josia Child to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 27th October 1683, pp. 105-08 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 66-68 *infra*.
From Josia Child to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 30th October 1683, p. 109 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 68 *infra*.
From Secretary, E.I. House, to the President and Council at Fort St. George and Bengal, dated 2nd January 1683, pp. 109-110 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 68 *infra*.
From the Company to the President and Council, F.S.G., dated 21st December 1683, pp. 110-15 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 69-72 *infra*.
From Josia Child to Wm. Gyfford, dated 11th June 1683, p. 116 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 72 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 31st May 1683, pp. 116-20 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 72-74 *infra*.
From the Company to Sir Thomas Grantham, dated 9th October 1683, p. 121 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 74-75 *infra*.
From the Company to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 9th October 1683, p. 122 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 75 *infra*.
From the Company to Sir Thomas Grantham, dated 9th October 1683, pp. 122-23 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 75-76 *infra*.
From the Accountant-General, E.I., House to the Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 29th December 1683, pp. 123-24 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 76 *infra*.

List of goods to be provided, N.D., pp. 124-27 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 76–78 *infra*.
Paper concerning the Mint and Treasure at the Coast and the Bay, 1683, N.D., pp. 127–131 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 78–80 *infra*.
From the Company to the President, Agent and Council, F.S.G., dated 18th April 1684, pp. 131–32 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* p. 87 *infra*.
From the Company to the President, Agent and Council, F.S.G., Bengala, dated 5th March 1683/4, pp. 132–39 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 82–86 *infra*.
From the Company to the President, and Council, F.S.G., dated 2nd July 1684, pp. 139–47 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 87–93 *infra*.
From the Company to the President and Council, F.S.G., dated 30th September 1684, pp. 147–56 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 96–102 *infra*.
From the Company to the President and Council, F.S.G., dated 24th October 1684, pp. 156–59 of the original Vol. IV ; *vide* pp. 103–105 *infra*.]

THE GOVERN^{R} : & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO Y^{E} : EAST INDIES.

TO HIS HIGHNESS THE ILLUSTRIOUS AND FAMOUS VICE KING OF TYWAN.

S^{r} :

It cannot be unknowne to you y^{t} : wee have long had a peaceable Trade at Tywan, & our ffactors have resided there in y^{e} : managem^{t} : of our Trade, for above twelve years without intermission, to y^{e} : enriching y^{e} : Inhabitants of y^{t} : place, Which although they were at Enmity wth : y^{e} : Tartars, Neither our Ships nor our Serv^{ts} : did ever interpose in y^{t} : quarrell : but only follow their trade quietly as Merchant Strangers, w^{ch} : have a right of being protected by all Nations, where they meddle not wth : any thing but theire owne Affaires.

desire to Lett or : Servts : have their Liberty & trade.

But wee have lately understood, that Island is conquered by y^{e} : Successful Armes of y^{e} : great Emperour of Tartaria & China whose prosperity Wee doe congratulate, & desire y^{t} : our Serv^{ts} : at Tywan may not only have their liberty, But may continue therein y^{e} : Exercise of their trade as ffriends, w^{ch} : you will find not only beneficiall to y^{e} : Inhabitants, but a means to make them y^{e} : more satisfyed in y^{e} : late change of y^{e} : Goverum^{t} :

If this Request may be admitted, Wee have ordered a small Present to be made yo^{r} : Highness, & although this comes by a small Vessell, when wee have yo^{r} : Honourable assurance of a free trade, Wee shall send you greater Ships, wth : better Cargoes, & a better Present praying yo^{r} : acceptance of this in y^{e} : mean time.

But if you shall not thinke fitt to admitt us to a free trade, w^{ch} : certainly would be for y^{e} : Interest of y^{t} : great Emperour of China, & Tartaria, Wee pray you then to give leave to our Serv^{ts} : to returne wth : their goods & effects to our President and Govern^{r} : of ffort S^{t} : George upon y^{e} : Coast of Chormandell, Who will write yo^{r} : Highness what else shall be necessary upon this occasion, Soe we commend yo^{r} : Highness to y^{e} : Protection of Almighty God y^{e} : Creator of y^{e} : Heavens & y^{e} : Earth & desire to be alwais esteemed

East India House, London.
1st : October 1864.

Yo^{r} : Highness's very loving ffriends, & good Allies.

GEORGE EARLE OF BERKELEY.
THO : DAVALL.
EDW^{D} : RUDGE.
THO : COOKE.
W^{M} : TURNER.
SAM : DASHWOOD,
W^{M} : GOULSTON.
JOSEPH HERNE.
RICH : HUTCHINSON.
CHRIS : BOONE.
JEREMEY SAMBROORE.
EDW^{D} : BOOVERIE.
W^{M} : SEDGWICK.
JOSEPH ASHE GOV^{R} :
JOS^{A} : CHILD DEP^{t} :
JAMES EDWARDS.
JOHN MOORE.
PETER DANIEL.
BENJ : BATHURST.

TO HER HIGHNESS THE MOST FAMOUS AND RENOWNED

PRINCESS QUEEN OF ATCHEEN.

May it please yo^{r} : Maj^{tie} :

Wee had many yeares since received Letters from yo^{r} : Majestie inviteing us to a Settlem^{t} : at yo^{r} : Port of Atcheen, wth : promise of doing us Great Hon^{r} : & giveing us great Priviledges, But whilst we had a Residence at Bantam it was

inconvenient for us, to make another Settlem^{t}: for our affaires upon y^{e}: Island of Sumatra, That ffactory at Bantam serveing us sufficiently for all y^{e}: trade of Pepper, Notwithstanding upon yo^{r}: Majesties great incouragem^{t}: Wee did indulge our Serv^{ts}: to trade at yo^{r}: Majesties Port of Atcheen, w^{ch}: they have yearly frequented wth: their private Ships.

But now since y^{e}: Dutch have betrayed Bantam, & subjected y^{t}: whole Kingdom under their power by their usuall Subtilty of setting y^{e}: Sonn against y^{e}: ffather (as yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: hath heard) Wee thinke it may be our Interest, as most certainly it is y^{e}: Interest of yo^{r}: Majesties Subjects, y^{t}: Wee should settle a standing ffactory at or neer Atcheen, If yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: will grant us such a Settlem^{t}: & such priviledges y^{t}: we may be in a condition to defend our selves against y^{e}: practises & designes of y^{e}: Dutch, & to preserve our trade in case y^{e}: Dutch should hereafter make any attempts of blocking up y^{r}: Majesties Port of Atcheen as they have formerly done, w^{ch}: they can never doe wth: any hopes of advantage to themselves, if wee be permitted to have a fortifyed Settlem^{t}: upon some of those Islands in y^{e}: Road of Atcheen except they should presume to make Warr upon us, w^{ch}: is no less than makeing Warr wth: our Sovereigne Lord y^{e}: King of England, Scotland, ffrance, & Ireland, w^{ch}: we presume they will never dare to attempt, nor would ever have attempted at Bantam, if wee had been setled upon any Island y^{t}: wee may justly call our owne, though it had been fortifyed only wth: six Gunns, Whereas when we settle otherwise in any Kings Dominions their Way is (as yo^{r}: Majesty knows) by art or force first to subdue y^{t}: King, & then compell him against his Inclination to command us out of his Dominions, The want of foreseeing w^{ch}: Stratagem, was y^{e}: ruine of y^{e}: King of Macassar & y^{e}: two Kings of Bantam, & many other Princes in y^{e} South Seas, Concerning w^{ch}: wee ordered our President & Councill of Fort S^{t}: George, to make some Overtures to yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: last yeare, And now we doe impower him to send some persons of Eminence to yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: y^{t}: may make a finall agreem^{t}: wth: yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: concerning this affaire, Unto whom we pray yo^{r}: Maj^{tie}: to give credence, & such Reception as is due to Envoyes from

East India House, London
1st: Octob^{r}: 1684.

Yo^{r}: Ma^{ties}: ffriends & ancient Allies

GEORGE EARLE OF BERKELEY.
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EDWD^{D}: RUDGE.
JOSEPH HERNE.

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From Josia Child to William Gifford and John Bigrig dated 27th September 1684, pp. 162-63 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* p. 105 *infra*.
From Charles Mell to Sr. J. Sambrooke dated 20th January 168$\frac{3}{4}$ pp. 163-64 of the original Vol. IV; *vide* pp. 105-106, *infra*.]

Ship Kempthorne.

Three Chest of Gold No: A: B: C: Vizt:														Finenes of ye: Gold.			Which should be in proportn: to 10 Matt.		Alloy to be added upon every 100 oz. to bring it to 8⅔ Matt.		
Chest.	Quality.	No:	Exact [?] weight. lb.	oz.	dwt.	Goodness.	Car.	Gra.	Standt: weight. lb.	oz.	dwt.	gra.	Car.	Gra.	4 0	Matt.	Pts.	Oz.	dwt.	grs.
A	Soverns. & Pistolls.	1	40	1	1	Stand.	...	...	40	1	1	...	22	...	...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		2	40	1	15	...	...	...	40	1	15	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		3	40	...	18	...	...	...	40	...	18	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		4	40	1	17	...	...	...	40	1	17	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		5	40	...	11	...	...	...	40	...	11	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		6	40	2	...	...	...	...	40	2	...	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		7	40	...	14	...	...	...	40	...	14	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		8	39	9	12	...	...	...	39	9	12	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
	Ducats.	9	10	6	17	better.	1	2	11	3	9	23	23	2	...	9	19/24	13	10	12
									331	9	17	23								
B	Soverns. & Pistols.	10	40	1	...	Stand.	...	...	40	1	...	...	22	...	...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		11	40	1	7	...	...	...	40	1	7	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
		12	40	...	15	...	...	...	40	...	15	...	22	...	...	9	1/6			
	Ingots.	1	48	9	16	worse.	...	¾	48	4	16	7	21	3	1	9	34/384	5	7	11
		2	31	10	19	better.	...	½	32	1	2	10	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		3	24	10	12	Stand.	...	...	24	10	12	...	22	...	...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		4	31	11	5	better.	...	¾	32	2	10	7	22	...	3	1	47/192	7	3	17
		5	44	10	12	Stand.	...	...	44	10	12	...	22	...	...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		6	31	10	8	better.	...	¾	32	1	13	2	22	...	3	9	47/192	7	3	17
									334	10	8	2								
C	Ingots.	7	13	9	9	better.	...	1¼	13	11	15	22	22	1	1	9	19/64	7	15	19
		8	31	11	9	...	...	½	32	...	10	18	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		9	49	7	13	worse.	...	1	49	...	17	17	21	3	...	9	1/16	5	1	10
		10	31	11	6	better.	...	½	32	1	9	12	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		11	31	11	1	...	...	½	32	1	4	11	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		12	19	11	8	worse.	...	2½	19	4	12	·1	21	1	2	8	7/8	3	5	·5
		13	31	11	4	better.	...	½	32	1	7	11	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		14	21	...	2	worse.	1	½	19	11	¾	·5	20	3	2	8	67/96	...	16	21½
		15	14	10	8	...	...	1¾	14	6	17	·2	21	2	1	8	63/64	4	4	·6
		16	20	7	2	...	...	2	20	1	9	17	21	2	...	8	23/24	3	17	·7
		17	14	11	18	...	1	¼	14	3	4	7	20	3	3	8	139/192	1	2	22
		18	10	...	3	...	...	2	9	9	8	9	21	2	...	8	23/24	3	17	·7
		19	8	4	16	better.	...	1⅛	8	6	10	·7	22	1	2	9	31/96	8	1	19
		20	4	6	2	...	...	¼	4	6	5	1	22	...	1	9	37/192	6	11	15
		21	2	8	9	...	...	¾	2	8	14	11	22	...	3	9	47/192	7	3	17

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			lb.	oz.	dwt.				lb.	oz.	dwt.	gra.								
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		23	8	9	4	Standd.	...	..	8	9	4	...	22	...	...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		24	8	5	1	worse.	..	2	8	4	2	10	21	2	...	8	23/24	8	17	7
		25	2	6	14	..	2	¼	2	8	16	12	19	3	3	8	5/192	fine gold to be added.		
		26	8	6	12	Standd.	...	...	8	6	12	..	22		...	9	1/6	6	5	14
		27	6	11	8	better.	...	½	6	11	17	11	22	...	2	9	7/32	6	17	16
		28	9	11	7	worse.	1	1	9	4	11	9	20	3	...	8	31/48	...	4	20

Cart. 20. 7/10 according to English Computacõn is equal to 8 Matt: ⅔ the Pago: Standard 24 Cart: the height of English gold equal to 10 Matt.

Gold of 24 Cart: fine is equall to 10 Matt.												
	Car.	Grs.	4/0	Is.	Matt:	Parts.	Or.	384 pts. of a matt.	Oz.	Dwts.	Grs.	Fractions.
	24	...	...	...	10	..	...	..	15	18	20	...
	23	3	...	...	9	48/48	...	344	14	14	16	196/414
	23	2	...	...	9	19/24	...	304	13	10	12	336
	23	1	...	...	9	11/16	...	264	12	6	9	82
	23	...	...	...	9	7/12	...	224	11	2	5	200
	22	3	3	...	9	214/384	...	214	10	16	4	...
	22	3	2	...	9	17/32	...	204	10	10	3	...
	22	3	1	...	9	194/384	...	194	10	4	2	...
	22	3	...	...	9	23/48	...	184	9	18	1	220
	22	2	3	...	9	29/64	...	174	9	12	...	...
	22	2	2	...	9	41/96	...	164	9	5	23	...
	22	2	1	...	9	154/384	...	154	8	19	22	...
	22	2	...	...	9	⅜	...	144	8	13	21	...
	22	1	3	...	9	67/192	...	134	8	7	20	...
	22	1	2	...	9	31/96	...	124	8	1	19	...
	22	1	1	...	9	19/64	...	114	7	15	19	...
	22	1	...	...	9	13/48	...	104	7	9	18	...
	22	...	3	...	9	47/192	...	94	7	3	17	...

Gold of 24 Cart: fine is equal to 10 Matt:

	Car.	Grs.	¢ 4	Is.	Matt:	Parts.	Or.	384 pts. of a matt.	Oz.	Dwts.	Grs:	Fractions.
	22	...	2	...	9	7/32	...	84	6	17	16	...
	22	...	1	...	9	37/192	...	74	6	11	15	...
	22	...	...	...	9	1/6	...	64	6	5	14	...
	21	3	3	...	9	9/64	...	54	5	19	13	...
	21	3	2	...	9	11/96	...	44	5	13	12	...
	21	3	1	...	9	17/192	...	34	5	7	11	...
	21	3	...	...	9	1/16	...	24	5	1	10	...
	21	2	3	...	9	7/192	...	14	4	16	9	...
	21	2	2	...	9	1/96	...	4	4	10	7	...
	21	2	1	...	8	63/64	...	378	4	4	6	...
	21	2	...	...	8	23/24	...	368	3	17	7	...
	21	1	3	...	8	179/192	...	358	3	11	6	...
	21	1	2	...	8	7/8	...	348	3	5	5	...
	21	1	1	...	8	169/172	...	338	2	19	4	...
	21	1	...	...	8	41/48	...	328	2	13	3	...
	21	...	3	...	8	53/64	...	318	2	7	2	...
	21	...	2	...	8	77/96	...	308	2	1	1	...
	21	..	1	...	8	149/192	...	298	1	15	...	...
	21	...	.	...	8	3/4	...	288	1	8	23	...
	20	3	3	...	8	139/192	...	278	1	2	22	...
	20	3	2	...	8	67/96	...	268		16	21½	...
	20	3	1	...	8	43/64	...	258	...	10	21	...
Between these is 8½ Matt.	20	3	...	...	8	31/48	...	248	...	4	20	...
	20	2	3	...	8	119/192	..	238*	...	...	...	...
	20	2	2	...	8	19/32	...	228	...	...	...	...
	20	2	1	...	8	119/192	...	218	...	...	...	...
	20	2	...	...	8	13/24	...	208	...	...	...	...
	20	1	3	...	8	33/64	...	198	...	...	...	...
	20	1	2	...	8	47/96	...	188	...	...	...	...
	20	1	1	...	8	139/192	...	178		...	...	...
	20	1	...	...	8	7/16	..	168	...	...	...	...
	20	...	3	...	8	43/64	...	158	...	...	...	...
	20	...	2	...	8	37/64	...	148	...	...	...	...
	20	...	1	...	8	23/64	...	138	...	...	...	...
	20	...	...	...	8	1/3	...	128	...	...	...	...
	19	3	3	...	8	59/192	...	118	...	...	..	...
	19	3	2	...	8	9/32	...	108	...	...	...	...
	19	3	1	...	8	49/192	...	98	...	...	...	...
	19	3	...	...	8	11/48	...	88	...	...	..	...

* After this fine gold is to be added or ye Alloy taken out.

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[ORIGINAL LETTERS.]

[NOTE.—Pages 1—4 of the original volume are lost; the fifth page contains only the last two paragraphs of the original letter from the Court, dated 20th July 1683. This letter is omitted from this volume as it is printed in the preceding Volume No. IV—*vide* pp. 38—41 *ante*.]

WANSTED Y^E 26^TH JULY 1683.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL
AT FORT S^T GEORGE.

Our Court being not now assembled I think it necessary you should know y^t the first ship we intend you is y^e defence Cap^t Heath whom we hourly Expect & God sending Her in resolve she shall sayle from y^e Downes in Octo^r next for yo^r place to be loaden immediatly home for Europe. We shall likewise send w^th her a small ship of about 300 Tunns reserving in chart^r P^ty liberty of employing her in India 18 months upon demurrage in w^ch time of demurrage for yo^r encouradgem^t we shall Interest you Our Agent ⅛ & M^r Bigrig ⅛ the oy^r ¾ for y^e Comp^a: Our meaning is not to concerne y^e Comp^a in y^e trade of y^e Countrey upon her but y^t you should lett y^e ship to freight for any Voyage or Voyages to y^e Southward Viz Siam, Johore Acheene Pegu Cuddah Bengalus (upon y^e Coast of Sumatra) Colong upon a River (where Tinn is plentifull) or any oy^r place for w^ch you may obtaine y^e best freight concerning w^ch I shall write you more at large very suddenly.

You or the freighters whoever they shall be will consider whether it be not convenient or necessary if you designe a trade to any place up Rivers you should not send a small sloop with y^e Ship.

My aime in this is not to deprive you of any benefite you make by letting yo^r own ships out at freight neither is it to gett much for y^e Comp^a but my Aime is more Noble & Nationall viz to contrive all y^e wayes I can to Employ great numbers of English Ships in India So far as it is possible without Losse to y^e Comp^a or you; and I hope y^t haveing this timely intimation of our Purpose before hand you will provide such a freight as may be beneficiall to y^e Comp^a & yo^r selves w^ch if you can we shall arrive at a Private advantage while we designe only y^e Publick good, w^ch often falls out through y^e Good providence of God & his blessing upon upright and Just intentions.

That w^ch may possibly make this designe more advantageous is a breach or quarrell y^t may happen between y^e French and y^e Mogull w^ch y^e Presid^t of Surr^t Expects Suddainly & hath given me Private Notice of it & if y^t should happen English Ships must needs be in great request.

Anoy^r encouragem^t is, the present circumstances of y^e dutch are certainely very low in Europe and we shall certainly fill their heads & hands with trouble & warr at Bantam & Battavia likewise if they do not pay us our dammages and restore o^r possessions & w^thdraw all their forces from y^t Place. All w^ch they have Already Agreed to do and do only stand upon having an Article from us y^t we will not fortify & have an English Garrison there. The King refers them intirely to us and y^e Ambassadour hath been with me, & sent me word yesterday he desired to speak with me again at Wansted to w^ch I returnd y^t it was my duty alwayes to bid him Welcome w^th respect to his Exc^lys quality But must intreat him not to mention our not fortifiing of Bantam being a Proposition we despise & in plain termes would fortify w^th or without their leave, y^t our Servants hereafter might not be Exposed to Dutch tricks or Java Assassinates.

We have a strong Fleete of 12 Sayle & 6 tenders w^ch^ may all be going to y^e^ Rendezvous on y^e^ southside of Java before y^e^ end of 7^br^. The forerunners of w^ch^ fleete I hope may saile y^e^ first Week in August but I really find y^e^ dutch so affrighted & so weake y^t^ I think verily, they will through meer necessity give us all we ask before y^e^ Fleete goes. But its next to death to you to think of an English garrison at Bantam, well knowing y^t^ y^e^ liberty of our settlem^t^ will draw their own freemen from Battavia as well as Chineses and oy^r^ strangers.

I have sayd nothing of yo^r^ letting this ship for Persia p^tly^ because I think she will arrive with you too late for y^t^ & p^tly^ because we shall send one ship directly thither with Jamaica Suggars and two from the Bay with Bay Suggars, and it may be one from Surrat upon freight to Persia in w^ch^ y^e^ President, Agent, & second of Hughly M^r^ Beard are concerned as I propose you & M^r^ Bigrig should be in y^e^ Ship to be freighted from y^e^ fort.

Hereafter if you can think of any other voyages In India y^t^ English ships may be imployed upon in y^e^ manner of this now designd w^th^ out loss to y^e^ Comp^a^ or yo^r^ selfes we shall send you as many & of such burdens as you shall write for and y^e^ more y^e^ Greater will y^e^ honnour be to our Nation in India y^e^ more good we shall do to our Countrey in our Generation & y^e^ more Secure to our selves & Posterity, our Priviledges and security of y^e^ Companies Servants & Estates in India.

This letter I hope will be acceptable to you and y^t^ before a fourthnight be Expired I may write you something y^t^ will be yet more acceptable. The Comp^as^ Affaires being in a very prosperous condition if it please God to Send in our ships to whose protection I commend you & rest,

Yo^r^ assured freind
Jos^A^ Child.

P.S.—We have intercepted Pestilent letters & papers by y^e^ Resolution to Masters from y^t^ Rogue Sarappa and a disoblidged Portuguese (whose name I forget but shall give you in my next) & shall send you y^e^ Originall papers by our ships y^t^ you may deale w^th^ such rascalls in y^e^ Course of law there according to their deserts. The designe of all y^e^ Papers & Certificates is to detract from our Agents Justice but renders him more Just in our impartiall opinions I believe y^e^ poor Natives have been drawn in to sign dutch & portuguese papers w^ch^ they do [not?] understand. So I would not have you reflect too Severely upon their ignorance.

J.C.

[*Endorsed:*] Wansted 26^th^ July 1683—S^r^ Josia Child—N^o^. 28—rec^d^ Via Surat y^e^ 29^th^ Aprill 1684—Entred ℔ E.T.—Shipp sent out of England for India freightt. Complaints ag^st^. y^e^ Ag^t^. &c^a^: by Serrapa &c^a^. to be [punished] accordingly.

Our Agent & Councell at ffort S^t^. George. London, the 14^th^ August 1683.

The Custome House bookes not to be kept after ye old [mann]er.

1. Wee write you this ℔ticularly upon y^e^ occasion of viewing your Custome House Books in w^ch^ wee observe you follow an antient usage y^t^ was invented by yo^r^ Predecessors when they had not a licence for a grāl trade as you have now for y^e^ future, wee desire you to follow in all things the same Rules & Laws of y^e^ Customes, as wee have [here], Soe farr as little things can be assimulated unto great [Viz, Let] y^e^ Master of everie ship or boat y^t^ come thither except from Europe make an Entrie of y^e^ whole content of his Ship & for whose Acco^t^., from w^t^. Ports, with y^e^ marks, numbers &c^a^ He y^t^ failes to doe this, or willingly doth it falselie [shall] forfeit to y^e^ Comp^a^. y^e^ Penalty of five Pagodas.

Masters of Country Ships or boats to forfeit 5 Pa: if doe not enter their Cargoe in ye Custom H[ous.]

Merchts. goods to be enter Inward and outward.

2. Let all Merch^ts^. enter y^r^. goods inward or outward after v^e^ manner wee doe here, of w^ch^ forme one bill is [inclosed.]

3. Let all goods Shipt, or landed without paying Custome be forefeited, one halfe to y^e^ Comp^a^. & one halfe to y^e^ Informer & prosecutor for other things touching Custome, wee referr you to y^e^ English booke of rates, out of w^ch^. you may pick some nocons w^ch^ with a little change you may make [usefull] to our interest there. Goods Shipt or Landed wth: out paying Custome to be forfitted.

4. Wee observe you have a Comoditie you call [Barbers] Towells, send us in y^e^ next Cargo two thousand pces of y^m^. if they be about Ell wide, they will doe Exceeding well for Barbers Aprons here, & abundance of y^m^ will sell. Orders for the provition of Barbers towells.

5. Wee observe likewise you have a trade in Cotton Knitt Stockings, if you thinke you can buy y^m^ as cheape at y^e^ ffort as at Goa, send us four or five thousands paire, one halfe for mens, & one halfe for Womens Ware, if you can buy y^m^ good or indifferent to stand us in from 14 to 18^ds^ a paire, wee thinke they may turne us well to acco^t^. however faile not to send us 200 doz pair by the next years Shipping for a tryall, varietie of Comodities being greatly for the interest of this Comp^a^. you may doe well to have y^m^ tyed up in bundels, of a dozen paire in a bundell, before you embale y^m^. Orders for provition of Stockins. 200 doz. pair to be sent by the next Shipps.

If your People have y^e^ way of making Cotton Gloves send us likewise a hundred dozen paire of them for a Tryall. 100 doz: pair of 6 Gloves to be sent for a tryall.

7. Send us likewise a hundred Suits of Painted Curtaines & vallance readie made up of severall sorts, & prices, strong, but none too deare, nor any overmean, in regard you know our poorest people in England lye w^th^. out any Curtaines or vallance & our richest in Damaske, &c^a^. [The vallance to be 1 foot deep and 6½ y^ds^: compass y^e^ curtaines to be from 8 foot to 9 foot deep, y^e^ two lesser curtaines each 1½ y^d^: wide y^e^ two larger curtains to be 3½ y^ds^ wide, y^e^ Tester and head piece proportionable, A Counterpaine of the same work to be 3½ y^ds^ wide and 4 y^ds^ long halfe of them to be quilted and the other halfe not quilted, each bed to have to it 2 small carpetts 1½ y^d^ wide 2 y^ds^ long, each bed to have 12 cushions for chaires of y^e^ same worke By y^e^ ships you shall have variety of Patterns and further direccons, but be doing what you can in y^e^: mean tyme—Jer Sambrooke Dep^y^.*] possibly some of these things may gaine y^t^. repute here, as may give us cause of greater inlargem^t^. in y^m^. hereafter, w^ch^. will not only be a benefit to y^e^ Comp^a^. but to our Inhabitants of the Town of Madras.

8. Send by the first Ship to S^t^ Helena 10^lb^ of the best, & freshest Indicoe seed, wee having ordered our people there to Experiment the making of Indico.

9. The Eighth instant arrived the Sampson & Falcon from Surrat, but wee hear nothing yet of Cap^t^ Heath from y^e^ Bay, nor of y^e^ Oakland^r^. and Dragon w^ch^. came out of Surrat, with or before the Ships alreadie arrived.

10. In reguard your Inhabitants are grown soe numerous wee would have you take especiall care to be alwaies well stored before hand with Rice and Paddy, w^ch^ buying at y^e^ very best hand, & in great quantities, you may certainly sell out at moderate rates to y^e^ Inhabitants & to y^e^ Comp^as^. great Profit.

11. If you buy any Stockings or have any made out of y^e^ verge of y^e^ Town of Madrass, wee would have you impose a Custome of 2 fā. ℔ doz. upon y^m^. as they come in at y^e^ gates of our Town. A Custome to be putt upon Stockins.

12. M^r^ Bigrig hath given us such contentment this year in y^e^ sortment of our Callicoes, &c^a^. y^t^. tho'. he be second of our Councell, & consequently should have only y^e^ charge of o^r^. books; Wee thinke notwithstanding fitt to continue him Godowne keeper, or Cheif at least of y^t^ Imploym^t^. & in regard thereof, & y^e^ double worke wee impose upon him wee are content you should allow him for our books y^e^ addiconal assistance of one of the ablest of o^r^ Serv^ts^. Mr Bigrig ordered to have charge of the Godowne.

* The passage in square brackets being frayed away in the original Despatch has been taken from its duplicate in vol. IV.

for y^t^ purpose of factors degree. And doe intend by our first Ships one Person peculiarly qualified for y^t^ businesse to be a meet helpe to him. We are

Herewith Wee send you an authentiq Copy of o^r^ new Charter, gr^td^ by his Ma^ty^ for Suppressing Interlop^rs^ (under the great Seal) of w^ch^ more by o^r^ next ships in the mean time We appoint o^r^ Ag^t^ & Govern^r^ at the Fort to be o^r^ judge Advocate at that place, to put all the Powers therein in Execuc̃on.

Also We send you inclosed an Order of Court for repealing an order of 29^th^ October 1680.

We would have you transmitt a Copy of the new Charter to the Bay by the first opportunity.

Yo^r^ loveing freinds
JOHN BANKS Gov^r^
JEREMY SAMBROOKES Dep^y^
BERKELY
JOS^A^ CHILD
CHRIST BOONE. JOHN MOORE
HENRY SERLE. THOMAS DA[VALL.]
JO : CREED. JOSEPH HERNE.
THO : CANHAM.
EDWARD RUDGE. W^M^ SEDGWICKE.
JOHN DU BOIS. PETER DANIEL.
CALEB BANES.
W^M^ : JARRETT.
THO : COOK.
RI HUTCH[INSON.]
[JAMES WARD.]

[*Endorsed :*] Companies Gen'rall to Fort S^t^ George Dat: 14 Aug^t^. 1683 Via Surat—N°. 29—rec^d^ the 29^th^ Aprill 1684—Curtains &c^a^.—Entred ℔ E. T.

A COURT OF COM^TEES^ HOLDEN 10^TH^. AUG^T^. 83.

Whereas this Court on 29^th^. October 1680 upon their restraining y^e^ trade of Diamonds, & reserving y^e^ same to y^e^ gral Joynt Stock exclusive to all others did in favour to y^r^. President, Ag^ts^. & ffactors abroad make y^e^ foll^o^. ord^r^. Viz^t^.

For y^e^ Encouragem^t^. of y^e^ Comp^as^ Presid^t^. Ag^ts^. Cheifs, & ffactors to dipose of y^r^ Estates in India upon y^r^ returne for England, It is ordered y^t^ w^t^. moneys any of y^m^ shall pay into y^e^ Comp^as^. Cash, they shall be allowed y^e^ same after y^e^ rate of 2^s^ 6^d^. a rupee, 9^s^ for a new Pagoda, & 5^s^ a Doll^r^. or R^ll^. ⅛ w^ch^. upon bills of Exch^a^. to be drawne on y^e^ Comp^a^ at 30. daies sight, shall be punctually paid y^m^. or y^r^. ass^t^. notwithstanding any acco^ts^. between y^m^. and y^e^ Comp^a^. y^t^. shall be then standing open & notwithstanding any ℔tenc̃on, claime, or demand w^t^ soever y^t^ may be suggested to y^e^ contrarie, & as readilie as if such ℔son had never been concerned in y^e^ Comp^as^ Service.

And for as much as y^e^ trade of Diamonds is now laid open without restraint; It is now thought fitt, & accordingly resolved y^t^ y^e^ said recited order be repealed, & made void, & y^t^ Copies of this ord^r^. be sent to Surr^t^. ffort St. George, & y^e^. Bay.

RO BLACKBORN Sec^ry^.

[*Endorsed :*] [Order of y^e^ Court reporting an] order of 29^th^ October—N°. 30—rec^d^. via Surat the 29^th^ Aprill 1684—Entred ℔ E. T.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE. LONDON, JUNE 6^TH^. 1683

[Order to settle a] Factory at Achin.

This Addic̃on is to order You to proceed in the Settlement of a Factory at Atcheen with more Expedic̃on (tho' with no less Caution) than We intimated to you in our former Letter by this Ship, for the more Wee think of it the more Wee are confirm'd that a Speedy Settlement at that place is absolutely necessary for o^r^ service as o^r^ Affairs now stand, but wee are very sensible the charge of a Factory there will never be answered to the Company, except We do reserve to o^r^ selves the intire trade of all Callicoes, Pepper, & Benjamin & therefore We do hereby prohibit All o^r^ Factors, & Servants from trading to or from Atcheen in any of those comodities; & having made the afores^d^ Prohibic̃on, Wee think it may be convenient for o^r^ Serv^ts^ that you send thither as soon as ever you can prepare things for that purpose, to carry with them a proper Cargo of Goods of yo^r^ parts, w^ch^ you may make up w^th^ mony to the am^o^ of 10,000 £ Sterl & order those you

[Callicoes, Pepper, & Benjamin wholly reserved for ye Comps.]

intrust in that Business to be selling, & providing Pepper by degrees as they can, & to give us & You by all opportunities [Advice] of their doings & proceedings there.

2. Our Agent & Council at Bantam did never give us satisfaccon in the discharge of their trust at that Place, while they were there, & have done it less since their Removal to Batavia where tho' they have nothing to doe they delay our Acco^ts. on p^rtence of want of time & keep one of o^r Ships & a great stock of o^r mony & goods useless Wee do therefore order that if any of them or other of o^r Servants now or late at Batavia shall come to any place w^thin yo^r Agency you give them no imploim^t in o^r Service but send them by the first ship home, to make up their Acco^ts with Us here, taking into yo^r possession whatever mony or goods they have of ours.

The Agent & Council at Bantam to be sent home; all their effects to be seised upon.

3. And if before this shall come to yo^r hands you have imploy'd or taken into o^r Service any of those Persons from Batavia Wee do hereby order you forthwith to dismiss them o^r Service & Send them home as afores^d.

4. Those of our Servants which Wee shall find upon their Arrivall here to have deserved well of Us shall find their Advantage by their Seing Us here, in some future and more honorable imploiment then they formerly had. A List of the Names of those at Batavia & Intended to be sent for England by this Letter you have in the Margin * of it Wee remain

[But] those whome the [Compa] shall find to have well deserved shall be [rewarded].

* Francis Bowyear.	William Slater.
Edwd Barwell.	Ralph Roads.
Nich: Waite.	Geo: Gosnell.
Ben: Crockford.	Rich: Knipe.
Daniel Quick.	Will: Hodges.
John Turner.	John Stileman.
Ambrose Moody.	John Burdett.
Tho: Shepard.	

Yo^r loving Friends

J.A. EDWARDS.	JOHN BANKS [Gov^r]
JOS^A CHILD.	JEREMY SAMBROOKE DEP^ty.
JOHN MOORA.	BERKELEY.
FRAN TYSSEN.	JAM. WARD.
JO CREED.	W^M SEDGWICK.
C. BANKS.	THOMAS DAVALL.
JOSEPH HERNE.	THO COOKE.
JOHN DU BOIS.	W^M. JARRETT.

Herewith We send you a Copy of the Ann's Charter℔ty a Duplicate thereof having been sent to the Bay.

[*Endorsed:*] Comp^as Letter to the Fort. No. 31—Rec^d Via. Bengall the 16^th May 1684—Attchein, callicoes. pepper and Ben^a ℔hibited—Entred ℔ E. T.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, JUNE 13, 1683.

We write you this on Purpose to oblige you to provide for Us ten Negroes, and ship on board evry Ship of Ours, and order them to be left with o^r Governor and Council of S^t Hellena, Wee having now given order at that Place for great Plantacons to be made for Us, Wee say ten Negroes upon each Ship. We hope you may buy them under twenty shillings Sterling each Negroe. We would have them most Men & if you can that they be all above 16 years of Age.

Orders to provide 10: Negros to be shipped on board every ship for St: Helena. To be above 16: years of age.

Tell the Captains that for the Freight of s^d Negroes this first Voyage Wee shall pay as shall be agreed between their Owners and o^rselves, and hereafter Wee shall settle this matter in Charterparty, which upon this suddain Occasion Wee cannott as to the ships that are allready abroad; bbt if ony command^r shall refuse to take in those you tender them upon this Incouragem^t Wee shall resent it so ill as not to think such refractory Command^r deserving any further imploim^t in o^r service. Wee remain

About ye: agreement for ye: ffreights of [said] Negroes.

Yo^r loving Friends

RI. AUTCHINSON.	JEREMY SAMBROOKE DEP^ty
THOMAS DAVALL.	JOS^a CHILD.
JOHN DU BOIS.	FRAN TYSSEN.
W^M. JARRETT.	JAM WARD.
EDWARD RUDGE. JOHN MOORE.	THO CANHAM.
W^M. SEDGWICKE	JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Superscribed:*] For the right worp[ll] the Agent Govern[r] & Councill for the English Nation at Fort St George.

[*Endorsed:*] The Hon[ble] Comp[as]. Gener[ll] to the ffort dated in London the 13[th] June 1683—N°. 32—rec[d] Via Bengall the 16[th] May 1684—Negroes—Entred E. T.

Per Anne. These Fort S[t] George.

[NOTE.—Letter from the Company to the Agent & Council, F.S.G., dated 5th September 1683, pp. 30–33 of the original Vol. V, is a copy of the original letter printed on pp. 62–68 *infra*.]

OUR PRESIDENT, AGENTS, AND CHIEFS AND COUNCELLS, IN ALL PARTS OF INDIA.

LONDON, 9[TH] OCTOBER 1683.

Sr. Jne. Bankes Sr Jeremy Sambrookes Sr. Josia Childs and Mr. Joseph Hearnes orders to be followed as fully as from ye Committees.

With this you have Copies of all our former Letters to you Overland, which wee confirme: And in regard wee apprehend reason for keepeing the Designe of our ffleet of Ships, now Outward bound for India with the Sloopes attending them, Secret for some time Wee doe hereby order you, unto whose hands, this shall come, to followe all such Instrucc̃ons and directions, as you shall receive from S[r] John Banks Governo[r]: S[r] Jeremy Sambrooke Deputie Governo[r]: S[r] Josia Child, and M[r] Joseph Herne, or any three of them as fully and effectually, as you ought to doe any other Order of the Governo[r]. Deputie or Committees in generall. Soe wee rest

Yo[r] loveing friends

	THO COOKE.	JOHN BANKS Gov[r].
	W[m]. SEDGWICKE.	JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep[y]
	HENRY SERLE.	JOSEPH ASHE.
	JO: CREED.	JOS[a] CHILD.
FRAN TYSSEN.	C. BANKS.	JA. EDWARD.
WM. JARRETT.	EDWARD RUDGE.	JOHN MOORE.
JOHN DU BOIS.	JOSEPH HERNE.	JAM: WARD.
	RI. HUTCHINSON.	PETER [DAVALL]
	THO. CANHAM.	JO: [...].

[*Endorsed:*] Duplicate Companies Grall to their Presid Agents Chiefs and Councells in all parts of India—9th Oct. 1683.—N°. 1—Duplicate of The Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Gen[ll]: to y[e]. ffort dated the 9[th]: Octo[r]: 1683—Rec[d]: y[e] 2 June 1684.—N°. 4.

OUR AGENT GOVERN[R] & COUNCILL OF FORT S[T] GEORGE.

LONDON, [19[TH]] OCTOB[R]. 1683.

Reasons why the ships of war designed for Bantam were diverted into a course of trade.

1. The cause of o[r] Sending these 3 Ships the Royall James, Beaufort & Rochester with the 3 Sloops attending them earlier than We intended, is such as We do not much rejoyce in. But so it is upon Assurance given to Our Ministers of state by the Dutch Ambassador that in a very short time there will come full & authentiq orders for withdrawing all the Dutch forces from Bantam, and restoring Us to o[r] ancient Rights in that place as well as making Us full Satisfacc̃on for our damages. And in regard it is not thought convenient at this time that Wee should engage the King or Kingdom in a Warr with the Dutch, which in all probability would ensue, if We should proceed for the S° Sea as Wee intended. Upon these Reasons We have thought fitt to divert that warlike Fleet We were fitting for the S° Seas, into a Course of Trade.

Fort to be built at Achin to secure the pepper trade, if good terms be granted.

2. And in regard the Dutch have so often failed of their former promises, that We cannot much rely upon their performance now, and being unwilling to omitt any thing that in Us lyes for the good of this kingdom in securing a place for the Pepper trade without a present War, that it may not wholly fall into Dutch hands Wee have thought most requisit to build a Fort at or near Atchein, if you can obtain Leave and as good privilidge for doing thereof or better than you have or

ought to have at Fort S^{t} George, so as in a short time to make it bear its whole Charge, & be of further Advantage to Us. To accomplish this if leave can be obtained We can never have a better opportunity, these ships being laden as you will perceive by their Invoices with many things fitt for raising and furnishing a good Fort.

3. What o^{r}. Purposes were of this nature in the S^{o} Seas you will See by the Copies of o^{r} Instruc̃ons which We intended for Our Agent & Councill [design'd thither] out of which you will pick some Observac̃ons [fitt to be] noted by you if you find it requisit to proceed upon this [design].

4. These 3 ships and the [Sloopes] attending are all new and fitted for a long Voyage full of Men & consequently very chargeable to Us & therefore you must imploy yo^{r} thought Seriously and Speedily to put them upon some imployment or letting some of them to Freight that may at least defray the Charge of their Demorage.

ye: 3: ships to be let out upon freight to help to defray their charges.

5. If there be (as hath been supposed by Private Advices from the President of Surratt) a War commenced between the French & the Mogull at Sea Wee hope it will be no difficult Matter for you to obtain very good imploiments for any of these ships which you shall not be ready to load home.

if wars wth: ye: French & ye: Mogull probability of imployment for ye: ships.

The first you do load home Wee would have to be the Royall James S^{r} John Wettwang Command^{r}, because he is least acquainted in the trading Voyages of India.

Sr: Jno: Wetwang to be first dispatcht for England.

6. Whether the Queen of Atcheen, & her Councill will be willing to Countenance and assist Us in building of a Fort is uncertain, but that it is her Interest is evident. For doubtless the Dutch intend to ingross all Pepper & inhance its price in Europe as they have Cloves & Nutmegs &c.

And therefore it will be one of their next attempts to destroy the Freedome of her Port, and in probability cannot be prevented but by an English Garrison, which if the King of Bantam had admitted the Dutch could never have become M^{rs} of that place, as now they are Wee doubt to the enslaving of him & his posterity for ever, notwithstanding all the fair promises made to o^{r} King's Minist^{rs}.

The Queen of Acheen's interest to permit the English to build a Fort there, the reasons.

7. We would not willingly be at a great Expence in making this Attempt for a fortify'd Settlement at Atcheen, least it should prove fruitless through the ignorance of those people who know not their proper Interest, & benefitt by Trade, and an English Settlement.

but noe great expence to be for y^{e}: procury thereof.

8. Whither if leave could be obtained, it were better for Us to settle upon some small Island or the Main of Sumatra in the Queen of Atcheens Territories is likewise a great doubt, and cannot be determined but upon the place, or by such as know it better than possibly We can. Because many Consideraẽons, Such as the goodness of the Road or Harbour in both Monsoons, the disposition of the people [unto] truth or falsehood in their Contracts, health or sickness [of y^{e}: place,] Scarcity & plenty of provisions, wood & water, the [nature] of the trade whither it comes immediately out of the [Queen's Territories] or by [Proes &] other Vessells from the [Territories] of other Princes on the West Coasts of Sumatra, theire may be Conveniences & Inconveniences in either Case. As for instance if Wee should [fear a] difference in time to come with the Natives Such as you have had wth Lingapa it would be best for Us to be upon an Island of o^{r} own, Or if in time to come the Dutch should quarrell with the Queen of Atcheen, and get the better of her they might compell her to expell Us as they did the Young King of Bantam if Wee should not be strong enough to defend o^{r} Selves against both the Dutch and the Queens Subjects. But on the other hand, If Wee should come to have a Quarrell wth the Dutch, and be at the Same time in peace with the Queen her People would be more able to assist Us on the Main, than they could in an Island. The Result of all this Discourse is, That Wee must leave it intirely to yo^{r} Discretions to resolve of the most fitting place for such a fortifyed Settlement, after you have considered all conveniences & inconveniences with the Contingences that may probably fall out in process of time & the difference in the present Charge of each place.

whither twil be best to fortifie on ye: Main or on some small Island.

left to ye. Agent &ca: to resolve upon wch: may be most convenient.

& upon what ꝑticular termes the Settlement is to be made.

10. The next point to be well considered is the Terms, whether Wee shall be permitted to Settle upon an Inheritance (which is certainely the best as We are at Bombay) or upon a kind of Leasehold as you are at Madrass, Whether it be best to agree for an Annual Rent, or to pay all at first in Mony or presents, which likewise must be left to your discretion to make the best and wisest terms you can.

There is another doubt which We may start but cannot resolve here, Vizt Whither there be not Some uninhabited Island, healthy well scituated for Trade & convenient for o^r purpose that We may take possession of, and fortify w^th the Queens Consent, for if the Queen will not permit Us to do it, Wee will not attempt it.

if the advantage of this Settlement doe preponderate with y^e charge then a Fort to be built, if not only a Factory.

11. By what We have writ you see the weight of this Affair and will be able to weigh the Charge with the prospect of future Benefitt. If you find the latter do preponderate by the hopes of a future Advantage We give you leave to proceed to make Such a Fortificacõn as may protect our trade in that [country] but if in yo^r Judgm^t you shall conclude that the Charge doe overballance not only the present, but such future benefitt as Wee may expect to reap thereof, Wee will [be content] with [Setling] Such a Factory as may answer [the trade of] the [Place].

left to y^e Agent &c^a: whither to send the great ships & tenders or y^e: 3: sloops only.

12. Whether those you imploy in this Attempt shall for the better Countenance of this Affair, go to Atcheen with one or two of o^r Great ships and the Tenders or with the 3 Sloops only, We leave to yo^r determinacõn; As also what Present to make to the Queen and her Courtiers.

not for a small charge to neglect this design if beneficiall termes are procurable.

13. You know We are allways for Saving Charges & never had more Reason to be so than at this time; But yet Wee would not for a Small-charge Neglect any thing that might be of future great Advantage to the Comp^a: and the kingdom, especially if by an inlargement of o^r Expence, you can obtain beneficial Terms for Securing such an English Colony as you have at Fort S^t George & as We intended at Hippins, that may in time grow up to a Revenue, that will more then defray the Charge of the Settlem^t & future governm^t.

M^r. Freeman or M^r. Lucas to proceed on this design, & the Agent likewise if'tis found convenient.

14. The persons you principally trust in this Affair must be such as have formerly been there, and know the People and Country well, as Wee Suppose M^r Freeman, & M^r Lucas do, and if you think o^r Agents personal presence would facilitate or meliorate this great Design (tho' Wee will not direct o^r Agents going thither, yet if he in his own Judgment thinks it may be Serviceable to Us, Wee will & do consent to his going upon this Affair himself, as he did Wee hope w^th good success at Porto Novo, hoping he may return to the direccõn of o^r Affairs at the Fort in 8 or 10 weeks time at the furthest For longer Wee cannot dispense with his Absence from thence where his Conduct hath been more to o^r Satisfaccõn than any Agents that ever preceeded him.

resolutions in this affair must be speedy.

15. What you resolve upon in this whole Affair must be speedily that you may have the Benefitt of the Monsoon for Our ships to go and return to the Fort or Bay of Beng^ll in fitting time for o^r other occasions hereafter discoursed.

& what ammunition &c^a. to be landed at y^e: Fort if any of y^e: great ships goe to Acheen.

16. If you resolve to put Us to the Charge of sending to Atcheen any of o^r great ships you must consider well before hand, what of their Ammunicõn or Provision & soldiers to take on shore at the Fort and what to Send forward by o^r ships.

upon what termes Mr: Fowle y^e: Gunner came out.

17. There is on board the Beaufort one Edw^d Fowle whom Wee have [entertained] for an Engineer & M^r Gunner to Serve for Seaven years in Such place as Wee Shall direct at the following Terms viz^t.

(1) The [Comp^a to pay the passage of his] Wife & Children & to advance [him 5^th at his going] out.

(2) His pay to begin at his arrival at such place as shall be directed and to be allowed 50 ꝑ Month for the first two years & 5 £ ꝑ Moneth for the last 5 years.

Him you may keep at the Fort or send him with those you imploy in the Affair at yo^{r} discretions.

18. If you shall think it needless to put Us to the charge of sending any of o^{r} great Ships to Atcheen, in Such Case Wee desire you in the first place as aforesaid to send home the Royall James, S^{r} John Wettwang, Command^{r} forthwith that he may be early enough back to arrive timely to o^{r} Spring Sales. The Beaufort and Rochester you may lett to Freight upon any hopefull Voyage, that presents or in default thereof Send one of them with half the Calliatore wood to Ballaso^{re} to leave the wood there for Kintlage to o^{r} Bay Shipping, & to load full with Petre Paddy, Rice, Butter, Oyl, & what else you think fitt to write for that may turn Us to acco^{t} at the Fort.

if y^{e} : great ships don't goe to Acheen then how they are to be disposed of.

19. Wee have been told by a Dutch Captain whom Wee have now taken into o^{r} Service that excellent Rice is to be had in the River of Raccan, sometimes so cheap as 30 $ ℔ Last which is not above 18 or 20 $ ℔ Ton; If you think that Navigation Safe, and this Relation true you may send the Rochester with one of o^{r} Sloops attending her to load Rice for o^{r} Sales at the Fort where and at the Bay We Suppose the Difference of Price in that Commodity may more than defray the charge of Demorage, and that o^{r} Ships plying their Voyages may be back with you time enough to load home & save their Monsoons about the Cape.

if Rice is procurable at Raccan at 30 $: ℔ last, then to send y^{e} : Rochester thither.

20. We give you these and such other hints for the better imployment of o^{r} ships and to prevent the biting Charge of Demorage, But Wee will not confine you to any of these methods having an intire Confidence in yo^{r} integrity, being also in some hopes that you may provide [more] profitable Voyages for them, and therefore Wee [leave them] wholly to yo^{r} disposall from the time of their first arrivall [untill] you shall be ready to load them home for England, desiring you only to take Care [that they do not Wast] time and [Mony] in lying still at any [place.]

but the disposall of y^{e} : ships wholly left to y^{e} : Agent & Councell.

21. The like we say with respect [to o^{r} 4] Sloops that sail wth these ships and those two [on board Capt^{n}] Nicholson which he hath promised to sett up and [launch] at Sea, as soon as he is about the Cape in Fair weather.

the sloope likewise.

22. There was lately here one Spar. That was formerly Chief for the Dutch at Pegu. Some of Us by his Royall Highnesses Direccon have had discourse with him he seems to be a knowing experienced but an ill natured boysterous, prating fellow, & therefore Wee thought not fitt to trust him. He sayes Pegu after the Loss of Bantam is the best place of India to build a Fort at, to command Our Chyna Trade, and that the Proes of Sumatra may easily and safely bring their Pepper thither without hindrance of the Dutch, We told him there was nothing there besides Sticklack towards the Loading of a ship, though there be some Gold, Rubies, Ambergreece, and other fine Goods, accidentally, And that the King of Pegu was a great & proud Prince and would not admitt of Building a Fortificacon nor the Trade of that Place be worth it, But he abounded in his own sence and would be persuaded to no other. Wee have told you this Story that being nearer & better acquainted with the place you may consider of it, (tho' Wee think there is little incouragem^{t} in it being much more remote from the Pepper Trade than Atcheen) and give Us yo^{r} opinion thereof.

about prating Spar & his story concerning Pegu.

23. There is on board o^{r} ships a Quantity of the best Chesshire Cheeses put up in strong Cask filled with olive oyl, what of that you do not Use in o^{r} intended Garrison, Wee hope you may dispose to a good Acco^{t}, and that the Oyl if it prove not eatable may Sell for Lamps. The like Care We desire you to take of all o^{r} other Stores & Provisions.

about y^{e} : Chesshire Cheese & disposall of y^{e} : Oyle or lamps.

And now Wee have said all this of a Fortificacon at or near Atcheen Wee must for caution add, That if upon sound Reason & mature Consideracon you shall judge that the Pepper Proes from Sumatra can never be induced to frequent that place as they did Bantam, and that the Trade of the Place, & convenience for o^{r} Chyna Trade will never answer the charge of raising & maintaining such a fortify'd English Garrison & Settlement in such Case Wee will content o^{r} Selves

with the Settlement of a [Factory] only at that place and you must otherwise provide [for the imployment] of the vacant time of o^{r} ships & sloops [aforesaid.]

about y^{e}: 3 great ships & how they are to be dispos'd wth a regard had to foregoing directions.

24. Wee send you inclosed a List of the 23 ships Wee do intend for all part^{s} of India [this year of] which S^{r} Tho: Grantham [is already gone upon his Voyage] These 3 Great ships [afores^{d} we intend] shall be [laden intirely] from the several Precincts [of your agency.] After two [of them] have made a short Trip [to spend y^{e} time while you] are providing Goods for them whereof one if not both Wee [conclude must] be for the Bay to Stock you with Petre for Kintlidge, and Rice for Sale the other at yo^{r} discretion after you have considered the hints We gave you before.

if more ships come out & they cannot be laden then to be imploy'd in India til goods are ready.

25. If Wee shall Send you any other ship or ships after these and you be not in Condition to load them it shall be all one to Us if you can contrive Matters so as to keep them imployed till you have goods provided to dispatch them for England, Wee thinking it o^{r} Interest as well as for the hono^{r} of o^{r} Country, & Our and yo^{r} Reputacon to have rather too many ships in India than too few to bring home o^{r} Effects, (as it happened these two last years.)

list of Factors & writers.

26. Wee send you likewise inclosed a List of o^{r} Factors & Writers on board these ships their Salaries, and Qualities they go out in.

The inclosed Invoices & Bills of Loading will shew you what Stock of all kinds Wee have sent by these ships but We cannot tell what more We shall send you nor how Wee shall dispose of the rest of o^{r} ships, but you shall know both in due time.

Ordinary Longcloth & Salamprs. but in mean esteem.

27. If Wee can possibly Wee will Send you by these Ships a List of the Goods Wee would have provided against next year, In the mean time you may go on providing the usuall Sorts and Quantities especially of fine Goods, Ordinary Longcloth & Sallamp̃ being but in mean Esteem at present of which Send but $\frac{3}{4}$ the Quantity this year of what Wee bespoke in o^{r} last years List, they not selling but from 20 to 22^{s} ℔ p^{s} which wth Interest of o^{r} Mony Freight & Custome &c^{a} charges paid with Discompt of 6½ ℘ Cent deducted, do not produce above the prime Cost.

Dimmitys & Diapers treble y^{e}: quantity to be sent home.

28. You must therefore especially on Such Goods endeavo^{r} an abatement on their price And Send us at least treble the quantity of Dimities & Diapers Wee received from you this year, which did turn somewhat to Acco^{t}., and Wee hope may prove a Commodity of great Expence in Europe, if you keep yo^{r} Sellers Strictly up to their Strength Evenness & goodness & of different works if you can gett them made and by o^{r} first Leisure Wee will Send you a particular Acco^{t} of what goods do not turn Us to acco^{t}, that so you may endeavo^{r} an abatem^{t} on their Prices and to gett them made better.

All y^{e}: cloth from y^{e}: Fort well sorted. Mr. Bigrig commended.

29. All yo^{r} Cloth generally from the Fort was so well & better sorted than [for] some years past that We can do no less than acknowledge the Care and Fidelity of M^{r} Bigrig and his Assistant therein, and greatly blame the Neglect and Infidelity of those that did that work at Metchlepat^{m} Medapollam & other Places, whose Cloth were not only very ill Sorted, but dearer by 15 ℘ Cent than Our ordnary L. cloth, and Sallamp̃ from the Fort, so that We loose thereby

Ignorant carelesse ℔sons to be degraded.

30. Desiring you now you are better supply'd with Factors to turn Such ignorant careless, and idle persons out of o^{r} Service or put them back and degrade them to the lowest degree of Factors & Writers as the Dutch doe, sometimes with better Success to the Reformation of their Factories than Sending them home.

Pedda Venca-tadry & Allingall commended.

31: And Since Bede Vincatadry Allingall &c^{a} & their Partners have performed So well this year Wee think it but just that Wee should take Notice of it, to their Commendacon, & incouragem^{t} wishing heartily that they were able to take upon them a greater share of o^{r} Investments, none in other places having to o^{r} observation hitherto performed So well, & as We hope they will further do in the Abatement of their prices on such goods as do not turn Us to Acco^{t} and keeping their Merchants strictly to the goodness of their Musters, that so We may not be forced to lessen o^{r} Investm^{ts} in them, and of this Wee would have you to acquaint them, and read this Clause to them.

32. Of o^{r}. new Sloops now Sent out you may keep as many belonging to the Fort as you can make Use of to o^{r} Advantage & yo^{r} own Security, But where and when there is no great occasion of Force We see no Reason, (since o^{r} Bantam design for the present is at a Stand) you should continue so many Guns on board each of them wherefore take out so many as you judge Superfluous & dispose of them by Sale to o^{r} most advantage, or to mount on board some Medapollam Sloops of greater burthen & less Charge that you shall think fitt to build or imploy in voyaging for o^{r} Benefitt, Or if you shall find it for o^{r} Advantage to Use Such Medapollam Sloops without Guns one of these may be a Convoy to 2 or 3 of them, If you have no occasion for them you may Send one or two of them to be imployed constantly in the Bay and 2 to Bombay to be constantly imployed there in voyaging for Pepper &c^{a} to and again the Coast of Mallabar & India as well as for the Guard & Security of o^{r} Island, but you may do well whereever you Send them to lett them to Freight or contrive the putting of somthing on board of them for o^{r} Acco^{ts} that may defray the charge of their Passage.

concerning the new Sloops & the disposall of their guns & how they are to be imployed.

33. Wee have found so great inconvenience by the Permissive Trade [from] and to England as well amongst o^{r} selves as [. . . Extra that] Wee have thought fitt totally to forbid all manner of Private Trade for Europe reserving only what We do indulge, wholly appropriated to o^{r} Command^{rs} Officers and Seamen,

Permissive trade denyd the Compas servts: [Diamonds] excepted.

34. Of which when We have fully Settled you shall have a further Acco^{t}. of (Diamonds and other precious stones only excepted,) Notwithstanding which We intend to continue the Trade of Diamonds our Selves in which Commodity We would have you provide & Send Us, 20 or 30,000£ value as soon as you can reduce them to o^{r} limited price, for hitherto We have not made o^{r} first Cost of all that ever We received from the Fort.

£ 20 or 30,000 : to be sent home in Diamonds but ye : price to be reduced.

35. If you do not Settle a Garrison at or near Atcheen as affores^{d} We would have you send half the Soldiers you receive by these three ships to Bombay by any Vessells that first sail from the Fort thither or by one or two of o^{r} sloops. If you can put anything on board for Surratt or Bombay that may defray the Charge of her time you writing to o^{r} President, and Councell to return her to you if procurable with a loading of what you think may turn Us to acco^{t} or goods upon Freight, if o^{r} President & Councill at Surratt shall not think fitt to keep the said Sloops at Bombay for the Service of that Garrison and other o^{r} Affairs on the Coast of India.

if a garrison is not setled at Achin half ye : Soldiers that came by the ships to be sent to Bombay.

36. Wee would have you incourage Portuguez and any other shipping belonging to-o^{r} Town of Madrass to go to Sillebar, Lampoon Polumbam, Johore, Jambee, Borneo or any other parts of the S^{o}. Seas, (where Pepper is to be had) to buy that Commodity and bring it to the Fort, For which you may promise to give them upon delivery a Fanham or rather than fail 3½^{d}. ℔ lb and in probability they may upon Such yo^{r} incouragement make very good voyages, For that all Callicoes in those parts of the world will be extreamly advanced in price, now that the Dutch have beat of all other Europeans, and it will be a difficult thing for them so constantly to guard all those Places but that Small Vessells may gett their Loading tho' We think it below the hono^{r} of o^{r} Nation to appear to make Such little Attempts o^{r} Selves untill Wee appear with a Force Sufficient to make good o^{r} Settlement, For which next year it may be the publique [circumstances] of the Kingdom may be more agreeable.

Portuguez to be encouraged to goe to ye : So : Seas for pepper.

37. There is at the Entrance of the River going up to Atcheen 2 or 3 Ancient Castles with Guns that Seem to be of Portuguez or other European Structure, [If you obtain] a Grant of them from the Queen or of the [fitters of them] for Our purpose for ever or for 100 or 200 years [paying her] the same or such like Rent as you pay to the King of Golcondah & conditioning for a Competent Circuit of Land thereabouts to be accompted parcell of the English leased Ground, possibly o^{r} Trade there might occasion in some years the building of a Towne like Madrass the Revenue whereof might defray o^{r} Charge, of which Consider.

about procuring the ancient castles going up ye : river to Acheen the conveniency thereof.

If o^{r} Agent do make a Step to Atcheen tho' We leave him to his own Choice who to take with him, Wee think M^{r} Lucas & M^{r} Freeman may be the fittest to accompany him.

the great ships to chargeable to be hazarded upon y^{e}: Coast of Raccan.

38. Tho' We think fetching Rice from the River of Raccan to Sell at the Fort may be convenient for small ships of 2 or 300 tons, Wee doubt these ships are too big & too chargeable to be hazarded upon that Coast and that therefore it will be necessary as soon as you receive this Pacquet that you write to o^{r} Agent and Councill in the Bay to provide at least 1000 tons of Rice and Paddy each in such proporc̃ons as you think best and what other Oyl, Butter, Corne, Pork or other provision you think fitt to be ready at Ballazoar to load these ships assoon as they return from Atcheen into the Bay which Wee think may best be i August or beginning of September to depart from Atcheen if you can dispatc them there Soon enough which would be very requisit, And if you resolve thu and should not be in a Condic̃on to load S^{r} John Wettwang at the Fort p^{r}sentl Wee can See no damage it would be to Us if for the better Grace of o^{r} Affair yo take him likewise with Our Agent to Atcheen, provided you bespeak in suc Case all the 3 ships [Loading] of Rice &c^{a} as afores^{d} to be ready at Ballazoar o but two of them if the Agent thinks best to keep S^{r} John Wetwangs Ship fo his direct Return to the Fort.

1000: Tons of Rice Paddy &c^{a}: to be ready at y^{e}: Bay to be laden upon the ships when they come from Achin.

y^{e}: Seams of y^{e}: Ships ceilings to be listed with slit deals or gunnys for y^{e}: better shooting in y^{e}: Rice & Paddy.

39. You must order the Captains to List with Slitt Deals or Gunny all th Seams of their Ceiling, at Ballazoar because it will be most profitable for Us, th Rice & Paddy should be shott in hold, allowing only to ev'ry ship 3 or 400 Bag of Rice to lay uppermost which may be of use after they are [emptyed] at the For to fill again on board the ships, for the more commodious landing of the Remainde of our Rice &c^{a}.

Bulk heads with Stantions to be made in Hould.

40. Our ships must likewise make Convenient Bulkheads with [stantions] i their Hould to prevent the shooting of their Rice or [corn at] Sea, for Lac whereof some ships loaden with [grain havē] oversett.

of a Factory setled at Achin soe much to be paid ℔annum to y^{e}: Queen, but noe Custome to be paid.

y^{e}. Phirmand to be in the name of the Comp^{a} & not of y^{e}: English nation.

41. If you [cannot have] leave at or near Atcheen for Settling in a Fortif cac̃on with an English Garrison &c^{a} and content yo^{r}self with a Factory only Wee would have you agree that none of Our Goods shall be entred Visited o searched nor any Rate of Custom taken ℔ Cent outwards or inwards, But that W be obliged for o^{r} whole Trade to pay only so much ℔ anñ to the Queen, in Lieu c all o^{r} Trade and that Wee may have Liberty to take what Custom We please c all English &.other People that shall trade there except the Atcheiners themselve and the Dutch or Such other Nations as the Queen will have excepted, taking y Phirmaund or Agreem^{t} in the Name of the English East India Comp^{a} only, an not the English Nation in general as was formerly ill done by M^{r} Masters & thos in the Bay.

Store of pepper to be kept at y^{e}: Fort to returne upon the Ships to China & Tonquin.

42. One great Reason why We would have you purvey all you can for Store of Pepper to be allways lying by you is, because We have thoughts c bringing our China & Tonqueen Ships hereafter to come from thence to the For & proceed a second Voyage from the Fort back to Tonqueen, & Chyna. In doin whereof advantageously it will be requisit you should have pepper and other S^{o} Se goods to fill up our ships bound to those places on their second Voyages, whic We intend in their first outward Voyages they shall take in at Atcheen.

Reasons why 'tis better keeping a store of peppers at y^{e}: Fort than in England.

43. Another Reason why We would have you Stored with Pepper is becaus if the Dutch can quietly carry off their Conquest of Bantam, they will doubtle raise the price of Pepper in Europe, and it will be cheaper for Us to keep a Sto in India (before Freight & Custome is added to its Cost) then to keep it he against a Rise, especially considering that at 12 months after landing [it] cann be exported from hence to any forreign Markett without the Loss of $\frac{1}{2}$ d ℔ Impost which is 15 or 16 ℔ Cent upon the First Cost.

44. Wee have Superscribed this Letter only to o^r^ Agent and Second, because Wee [would have] yo^r^ Resolucõns concerning the Atchein Affair [kept as] Secret as the Nature of it will admitt, But you may take to yo^r^ [Conference] such of our Councill as you shall think fitt. Reasons why this lre was directed only to y^e^: Agent & M^r^: Bigrig

45. Besides the Ships that go directly for yo^r^ place Wee have Ordered the Amoy Merchant Cap^t^ Robert Bibey, now ready to Sail from the Downes That if he meet not with S^r^ Tho: Grantham at S^ta^ Hellena he should (after he hath delivered his Loading of Provisions there) immediately Sail with the empty Ship for yo^r^ place, And in regard he may probably arrive with you time enough to Sail to the S^o^ Seas We would have you put on board him a small Cargo of 4. or 5000£ in proper Goods for the S^o^ Sea Trade and 2 or 3 Chests of $^s^ consigning the same to two such Factors as you shall think best with the Comand^r^ Cap^t^ Robert Bibey one Portugues of good Repute in yo^r^ Town and that have been used to Such Voyages, And altho' We shall leave it to you to give the s^d^ 3 or 4 persons Such fitting instrucõns for the Voyage hereafter menõoned as you shall think best, We must tell you Our purpose is the s^d^ Ship with Such her Cargo & Consignacõn shall proceed directly from the Fort for Sillebar upon the West Coast of Sumatra to procure there a Loading of Pepper which We hope may be had quickly upon reasonable Terms, and that o^r^ Cargo of Goods may yeild double the Usuall Rates for the Reasons beforemenõoned. But in Case Pepper should not be to be had at Sillebar you may order them to try at some other of the usuall places, for Pepper before menõoned.

Capt: Bibey to saile to y^e^: South Seas with a Cargo 5000 £: in goods & 2: or 3 Chests silver & to whome to goe consigned.

to goe directly for Sillibar.

46. ButWe must expressly caution and injoyn you to command and require the persons aforesaid trusted with the Cargo; not to go any further than Sillabar if they can possibly procure their Loading there, and that they do not stay Spending any time in those parts more than that in probability this Ship may not be above [Six months] in the whole from the Day of her departure [from] Fort S^t^. George to the time of her [return] thither whether she be fully loaden or not.

& not to proceed any farther, & not to be above 6: mos: in her Voyage & out home

47. We do reasonably Suppose that the hopes of beneficial Sales at Sillebar &c^a^ may induce Severall of o^r^ Servants and other Portuguez &c^a^ to send small adventures by the ship which We are not against provided the Company be not wronged thereby in the detayning of o^r^ ship for such private Jobs at Sillebar or other places near, Or that the full Freight of such private Adventures should not be honestly accompted to the Comp^a^ which two foreseen damages it must be yo^r^ great Care to prevent.

liberty for any ℔sons to lade on said ship provided such private trade be noe detaining of y^e^: ship at any time.

48. By full Freight to be accompted to the Company Wee do not mean any certain Rate by the ton, but a 3^d^ or 4^th^ part of what is ship'd on such private Adventures, or some such other Rate ℔ Cent as you shall judge equitable considering the incertitude and hazard this ship is Sent upon, which We leave to yo^r^ discretion and justice as you shall apprehend the Case to require.

concerning the ffreight, a ½ or ¼ part of what laden to be taken & not at a certain rate ℔ y^e^: ton.

49. If you can bring such Voyages as these to be honestly performed by the persons intrusted They must needs be beneficiall to the Company, And being so yo^r^ Fort and Town of Madrass will in a few years be a greater thing than now it is, Unto which Wee apprehend likewise an English Fort at Atcheen will be very available for the secure wintring of any ships belonging to Madrass.

the well management of such voyages, very beneficiall to y^e^: Comp^a^:

50. Wee would have you if you can invent any hopefull Voyage for Macassar or any of the Spice Islands or other Islands near unto them to send one of o^r^ best Sailing Sloops with a small Cargo of about 1000£ value consigning it to two such Factors as you shall approve of with the Command^r^ & one trusty Portuguez as afores^d^ to try to get Cloves Mace or Nutmegs in Returne, This We conceive can never be effected Safely by the ord'nary way of going through the Streights of Sunda, least the Dutch too early observe yo^r^ Motion, But must be done by passing through the Streights of Ballio, which they can never observe, of which some of yo^r^ Madrass Portuguez may possibly give you better intelligence than We can learn here, they having an Island inhabited by Portuguez between Java

about sending one of the Sloops to Maccassar or any of the Spice Islands.

the manner how to manage it.

& the Spice Islands, and Cap[t] Nicholson can inform you what discourse We have had with him about this Affair.

Noe breach of Peace to trade to any of the Dutch Ports, except in ammunition &c[a]:

51: By the Articles of peace with the Dutch in 167⅔ you will see that it is no breach of peace for Us to trade to any place in India altho' the same be blockt up or invested by the Dutch by Sea and land, except in Amunicon and warlike provision usually called Contraband Goods.

about y[e]: value of Spice in truck for other goods.

52: Wee suppose none of the afores[d] Spices do cost the Dutch above a penny ℔ lb in Truck for proper Goods, viz[t] Rice, Powder a little Rack and some Callicoes proper for Clouts, the Sorts whereof Our [Agent knowes well] and may learn more particularly from [some ancient] Portuguez.

Strict orders that this design about Spice Islands be kept se

53: And altho' Wee know it is no breach of peace to Seek such a trade especially at Such Islands where the Dutch have no Forts yet We take it for granted the Dutch (the Spice Trade being to them as the Apple of their Eye) will oppose this little design or discovery if they have the least foresight of it. And therefore if you shall resolve to proceed upon any Such design Wee would have it so carryed, that no person living may know yo[r] Resolucons except Our Agent & M[r] Bigrig, and Such one or two more of o[r] Council as you two shall think fitt to take into the Consultacon of this and the other secret Affairs, hereby committed unto yo[r] Management, And if you do find that this first voyage do Succeed to Our Advantage Wee would have you proceed on a second or third attempt of the like Nature with one or more of the Sloops at a time without any further order from us.

about the encouragements to proceed in this design.

54: That which gives incouragement to this Adventure is that the Charge is not like to be great that the Sloops being clean and Sailing so well as Wee hope it's not likely any Vessell she shall meet in the East Indies will be able to fetch her up especially she having the benefitt of Oars in a calm, & drawing so little water, and that being so well armed if any small vessell should come up with her it's improbable they should be able to Surprise her.

Another incouragement is That Wee hear the Macassars and Turnattaes are in rebellion against the Dutch, and We hope likewise the Old King of Bantam will keep them continually allarmed in those parts.

y[e]: Master of y[e]: James Sloop a ℔ son fit to be imployd in this affair.

55: The greatest difficulty you will meet with is to find experienced Men for that Eastern Navigacon. There is on board the James Sloop a Master put in by S[r] John Wettwang that is a very great Artist and carefull man, If you could help him to some Assistance that know the severall Islands when they see them Wee think he might be the fittest person to intrust in this Novile Navigacon. The Cargo outwards with the help of Rice though it be of small value will be Sufficient to fill the Sloop and if they can meet with Trade will be Competent to load her with Nutts or Cloves.

Cautions to beware of y[e]: inhabitants of y[e]: Island that makes the Streights of Ballio, they being an inhuman people.

56: But We must give you, and you those you imploy upon this undertaking Caution to beware of the Inhabitants of that Island that makes the Straights of Ballio, they being s[d] to be an inhuman murdering People, if they can catch any Strangers upon an [advantage] by Sea or Land, of which the experienced [Portuguez will]inform you more exactly.

left to y[e]: discretion of y[e]: Agent & Councell to proceed on it or not.

57: Now Wee have given you all the light we can into this Affair. Wee leave it to yo[r] discretion to proceed upon it or not as you shall upon better Informacon judge most for o[r] Advantage, and to Consign the Cargo to such as you think fitt.

incouragement to be given to any that can invent any other voyages for Spice.

58: And if any of yo[r] Inhabitants English Portuguez or Natives can invent any other Voyages, for Spice or otherwise to bring a new Trade to yo[r] Place We would have you give them incouragement, having a great Mind to try some Experiments of this Nature either by o[r] own Sloops or by some of o[r] Inhabitants in Madrass.

59 : The great Recruit of Soldiers We have now Sent you is a further Increase of o[r] Charge in that place as well as a further Security to the Inhabitants, which you must invent Methods to reimburse Us for, by raising Our Customes 1 ℔ Cent or otherwise as you shall Judge least Offensive. For o[r] Confidence in you is such that you see Wee limitt you in nothing presuming yo[r] Understandings are sufficiently enlightened to See that it is not Avarice that moves Us to put you so oft in Mind of this Affair but a reall Care and Love for o[r] Country It being a folly for any man to think the English can ever be Strong enough at any place in India to withstand any violent Assault or Shock of the Dutch till We are as wise as they in Creating Revenues that shall not only Sustain the charge of a Great power to Maintain their possessions as well as the Cost of their first Acquisiĉon & Fortificaĉon.

The Comp[s]: at great charge new methods to be invented, to reimburse them.

60 : Of the Factors and Writers by these Ships, We do hereby constitute and appoint M[r] John Gray to be last of Councill at Fort S[t] George he being a Man of years and Business, and personally known to Some of Us, And one that Wee hope will prove not only faithfull but Zealous for the generall good of the Company All the rest you may dispose of as you think best for Us.

Mr. Gray to be last of Councell at y[e]::Fort y[e]: Factors & writers to be dispos'd of as y[e]: Agt : &ca think fit.

61 : If you contrive a Voyage for any of o[r] ships for Syam that you reasonably think may turn Us to Acco[t] in the Expence of 6 or 8 mo[s] time while you are providing o[r] Manufactures to lade her home for Europe, We give you permission to do it and that Such Ship may Stay three days (but not longer) at Bantam to water, hear News of the [old] and Young King and to see if either of them will give Us any Pepper, in part of the great Debts [that both of them] owe Us.

Permission to send any of the Com[s]: ships to Syam, if it may prove profitable.

62 : Wee think the pay [of o[r] Officers and] Soldiers at the Fort is immoderate and more than at Bombay, you may do well to reduce it to some indifferent Standard, and Send Us a table thereof for o[r] Consideraĉon.

the pay of y[e]: Fort officers to be reduced.

63 : Our Book keep[r] informs Us that o[r] Law Courts are a Charge to Us which ought to bring Us in a Revenue, as they do in all other governments, Pray rectify this Method & contrive to settle the Processes of Our Courts upon Such moderate Fees as may at least defray o[r] Charge of keeping them.

concerning y[e] Law Courts being a charge instead of a revenue.

64 : You may send Us any Lacquered or Chyna Ware or other Chyna Commodities that you can buy cheap at the Fort.

China Commoditys if cheap at y[e]: Fort to be sent home.

65 : Wee have aboard these ships 4 men extraordnary upon eve'ry 100 tons, Any of them you have occasion of for o[r] Sloops or otherwise to increase the Trade of Madrass you may keep in the Country We having no occasion of them on board the ships now, since We have no prospect of a War while these ships are abroad.

4 : men extraordinary upon every 100 : tons.

66 : Cap[t] Goldsbrough in the Bengall going along with or soon after o[r] aforesaid three great Ships for the Fort, you must dispose of his ship as of the rest, by contriving some Voyage for him till you are ready to load him from the Fort that may save Us his charge of Demorage.

Cap[t]: Golds brought to be dispos'd of as y[e] : rest of y[e] fleet.

67 : Consider whether it may be worth while for the enlargement of yo[r] pepper Investment to Settle a small Factory of three English only at Cudda, or in some part of Jahore with a small Stock, for we doubt much is not to be trusted in either of those places, nor much to be had from them except you have grounds to beleive, that a little English Factory resident may bring a greater Trade to the place where it shall be setled, as Wee hope it will do at Atcheen.

y[e]: settlement of a Factory at Cudda for pepper offer'd to consideration.

68 : It would be We think of mighty Concernment to the Comp[as] Benefitt, if you could by the small Vessells that Voyage from yo[r] place into the S[o] Seas, draw some Chyna Men to inhabit at the Fort, who usually create a great Trade wherever they come, and tho' We know it will be next to impossible for you to draw their Junkes to Navigate so far as the Fort, yet probably if you had Chyna Men living with you they might go to Japan in freighted English ships, Sailed mostly by Las[c]ars and some of their own Countrymen.

great advantage to y[e]: Comp[s]: could some China men be brought to inhabit here.

all these Notions not immediately to be put in practise.

69: We give you more Notions than We hope you should presently put in practice, nor are Wee willing you should run us, upon any considerable Charge, or upon many less [chargeable Attempts] but in such occasions only where you [may reasonably hope] Wee shall find a profitable effect of them.

Penalties on idle & neglectfull ℔sons.

70: You are under a very good Regulacoon for y^e^ monthly return of your Diaries, acco^ts^ of Cash, Consultacon books, &c w^ch^ by reading over all yo^r^ books sent home this year we find you have kept yo^r^ subordinate factories to y^e^ observance of as wel as we could expect, considering y^e^ scarcity you had of English help. But we have observed in several of o^r^ factories, y^t^ many below y^e^ degree of o^r^ Councils, & some of o^r^ Councils in subordinate factories thro' a lazy supine disposicon, have not ℔formed so much writing work as has been comanded them by o^r^ Agent & Council ffor w^ch^ we have not yet provided any proper remedy; but find it now absolutely necessary. We doe therefore order y^t^ whoever of o^r^ Serv^ts^ below y^e^ Council shall any day without reasonable excuse in y^e^ judgm^t^ of o^r^ Agent & Council neglect to ℔form any work y^t^ shall be reasonably required of them, shall forfeit for every such neglect, one Doll^r^ ℔diem towards y^e^ publique buildings & ornam^ts^ of o^r^ Town of Madrass, to be deducted out of y^t^ part of their salary w^ch^ is to be paid them in India: Of which forfeitures you are to keep a distinct acco^t^.

an accot: of the same to be kept apart.

if a Vessell sent to Jahore or Andragera for pepper y^e^ Master of the vessell not to know y^e^: Camp^a^: are concern'd in it.

71: If you employ any small Vessel for Jahore or Andragera with Callicoes to truck for Gold or Pepper, let it not be known to y^e^ M^r^ or Ships comp^a^ y^t^ we have any concern therein, tho you should think fit to interest us for encouragem^t^ of such a design, & may enter o^r^ interest duly in yo^r^ books: But we think it's best such attempts at first should look as if they did wholly belong to private persons.

Goods formerly sent to Bantam very proper in y^e^: formentioned places in y^e^: S^o^: Seas.

72: Such goods as you sent formerly to Bantam, are very proper in all those places of y^e^ s^o^ Seas, & y^e^ Dutch Factors are y^e^ more willing to be participants of a litle private trade in India, since they see we indulge all maner of trade to Ours.

Dutch Runaways shall not be deliver'd up to the Dutch, since their deceitfull contrivance at Bantam.

73: Since y^e^ Dutch have served us y^t^ deceitful contrivance at Bantam, we shall not hereafter be so careful to return their Runawaies; & y^e^ rather because some of them may hereafter be useful to us in places where y^e^ English are not so well acquainted: but you may give them good words. We remain

Yo^r^ Loving Friends
JOHN BANKS Gov^r^.
JERE SAMBROOKE Dep^y^.
JOS^A^ CHILD.
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Endorsed:*] Octob^r^. 19^th^ 1683—Comp^as^ Gen'rall to Fort S^t^ George—reced 2^d^ June ℔ y^e^ Beaufort—N^o^ (3)—Entred ℔ R.B:

LONDON, SEPTEMB^R^. 5^TH^ 1683.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL
AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

29^th^. Augt.

We have yo^rs^ of 29^th^ January, 5^th^ 15^th^ & 17^th^ February last to the Several paragraphs whereof Wee shall give a particular Reply by our shipping. This being principally to give you the wellcome Newes of the Arrival of the Defence, Society, Willmson & Nathaniel; y^e^ Dragon from Surratt, and y^e^ Tonqueen from Tonqueen and Batavia, for which God be praised.

M^r^ Jersy is certainly very much in our debt, but the Proofs are so mislay'd that its hard to make out a full charge ag^t^ him but in regard he is so Sickly as not fitt to voyage for England you may make a final End with him without paying any thing out of o^r^ Cash.

You did exceeding well in ordering the Goods from Pettipolee, that o^{r} ships could not take in, to be brought to the Fort, The like Wee would have you observe in all other Cases of that nature.

Wee shall be very glad That you may ev'ry year have as great an overplus of Goods lying by you at the coming away of o^{r} ships as you had this year, for which you shall not want early ships to take them off yo^{r} hands.

Wee highly approve of yo^{r} Indeavo^{rs} against the Interlopers at Porto Novo and do not think much of o^{r} charge, but now you have o^{r} Second Charter, & o^{r} Captains have the Kings Commission if there be further occasion Wee would have you proceed against them to the full Extent of those Authorities granted Us by his Ma^{ty} whatever the Consequence be.

As We did in Justice to yo^{r} Merit declare o^{r} satisfac̃on in all yo^{r} proceedings the last year, to do you the same Right now, Wee must tell you that not only o^{r} Agent and yo^{r} selves but all under yo^{r} Agency have done better for Us (for ought Wee can yett see) than any of their Predecessors.

M^{r} Freeman and M^{r} Brown Wee know are able to serve Us and they have given Us a good proof that they intend to do it well [and]Sincerely, in which good Mind Wee hope they will persevere, and Wee shall accordingly respect and favour them.

Seeing yo^{r} Portugall Merch^{ts} are unwilling to bring you Pegu Sticklack, if you think it for o^{r} Service you may make a Tryall of Freighting a Small vessell, and trust some honest Portuguez that hath a good Fond in Madrass to buy up a Loading upon Commission which is cheaper than Settling a Factory. This Wee say if in yo^{r} discretions you shall think it for o^{r} Advantage but not [otherwise].

Wee shall send you a full Supply of Factors & Writers.

Doubtless you are at greater leisure now you are freed from the Incumbrance of Interlopers, and may make a greater Advantage of yo^{r} new Factorys which hitherto as you well observe do not defray the Charge of their Settlement and maintain Presents &c^{a}.

Of all Sorts of Goods in the Generall, Wee would have you go on providing according to o^{r} Lists and Advices last year, altho' Wee intend you a particular List by Our first ships, and for tonnage you shall be Sure to have more next year than you can load home for that Wee shall depend upon yo^{r} Care and wisdom to gett Freights or find imployment in the Country for all Such ships as you shall not have Effects ready to load for Europe.

Upon view of o^{r} Cloth rc̃ed ℔ the Resoluc̃on We do find all the Cloth in Generall from Pettipole Metchlept^{m} and Medapollam to be very ill drest and from 18 : to 20 ℔ C^{t} dearer than the Cloth from the Fort, & in particular the Cloth from Medapollam very ill Sorted by o^{r} ships We shall write you more fully herein. We remain

Yo^{r} loving friends
JOHN BANKS [Gov^{r}.]
JEREMY SAMBROOKE [Dep^{y}.]
JOSEPH [ASHE].
JOS^{A} CHILD.
PETRE [DANIEL].
RI. HUTCHINSON.
THO COOKE.
HENRY SEELE.
JOHN DU BOIS.
CHRIS BOONE.
EDWARD RUDGE.
THOMAS DAVÁLL.
W^{M} SEDGWICKE.
JAM : WARD.

[*Endorsed :*] The Comp^{a} Gen^{ll} to Fort S^{t} George dated 5th Septemb^{r} 1683— Entred.

SHIPS DESIGNED FOR INDIA.

	Tons.
Charles y 2d ...	775
Amoy mercht ...	380
China mercht ...	170
Casar	515
Bengala Mr.cht	570
Barnardiston ...	350
ffalcon	365
E. India Mr.cht	400
John & Anne ...	300
Dragon ...	180
John & Hanna	140
Royall James ...	680
Rochester ...	750
Beaufort ...	750
Resolution ...	630
Eagle	560
Defence ...	600
Williamson ...	570
Nathaniel ...	550
Society ...	550
Asia	460
Sampson ...	550
Tonqueen Mr.Cht.	130

[*Endorsed :*] List of ships designed for India.—10.—recd the 2d June 1684—℔ the Beaufort.

LIST OF THE COMPAS PACQUETT PER THE SHIP BEAUFORT.

N°.

1. Compas General to their President, Chiefs & Councills in all parts of India.
2. Compas Generall to ffort St George dated 19th Octobr. 1683.
3. Copies of the Companies Grall to ye ffort overland dated 20th July 14th Augt & 5th Septr 1683.
4. Lre & Instrucc̃ons designed for the Bantam Expedic̃on dated 14th Augt 1683.
5. Charter ℔ tie of the ship Beaufort.
6. 2 Invoices ship Beaufort.
7. 2 Bills of ladeing ditto.
8. Copie of the Companies new Charter.
9. List of Goods to be provided at the ffort.
10. List of ships designed for India this yere.
11. List of Factors & writers sent out.

[*Endorsed :*] List of the Companies pacquet for ye Fort ℔ ship Beaufort—recd 2d June 1684.

[NOTE.—Letter from the Company to the Agent & Council, F.S.G., dated 19th October 1683, pp. 70-85, of the original volume, is a duplicate of the letter already printed—*vide* pp. 52-62 *ante*.]

The Governor: and Compas: of Merchts: of London tradeing into ye: East Indies To all to whome these presents shall come Greeting, whereas by our Commission under our larger Seale bareing date ye: ffourteenth day of November Anno Domini: 1681 and in the three and thirtith year of ye: Reigne of our

Sovereigne Lord Charles y^e^: Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of y^e^: ffaith &c^a^: Wee did make constitu[t]e and ordaine W^m^: Hedges of London Esq^r^. to be Agent and Governour of and for all our affaires in the Bay of Bengala in the East Indies att Hugly Ballasore Cassumbuzar Maulda Decca Pattana and of all and Singular other our ffactories and Jurisdictions in the Bay of Bengalla w^th^:out any Subordination to our Agent and Councell att ffort S^t^: George, By w^ch^: Commission (amongst other things) y^e^. s^d^: W^m^: Hedges was to enter upon the s^d^: agency and Government immediately on his arrivall att Hughly aforesaid, and to execute all y^e^: Powers and authorities thereunto appertaineing and to continue in the exercise of the same dureing our Pleasure and untill y^e^: Contrary thereof should be signified under y^e^: seal of our s^d^: Comp^a^: But it haveing since appeared to us y^t^: y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Hedges contrary to our trust reposed in him as afores^d^: was privy or consenting to y^e^: opening or detaineing M^r^: Beards letter unto S^r^ Josia Child our then Governour and hath otherwise failed in his duty towards us, wee doe therefore hereby utterly Repeale and Revoke annull and make voyd our afores^d^: Commission unto y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Hedges and all and every the Powers and authourities priveledges or immunities thereby granted to him y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Hedges, and wee doe hereby further declare and o^r^: will and pleasure is y^t^: y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Hedges from and after the Arrivall of this our Commission in the East Indies and Publication thereof, shall have noe further Concernes Sufferage or authourity in y^e^: mannagement disposall Governm^t^: or direction of any of our affaires in the Bay of Bengala or elcewhere in the East Indies, and wee y^e^: s^d^: Governo^r^: and Company haveing great experience of the abillity and ffidellity of W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^: now or late Agent and Govern^r^: of ffort S^t^: George and Madrasspatam in the East Indies do hereby make constitute and ordaine him the s^d^: William Gyfford or in case of death or absents of y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Gyfford M^r^: John Bigrig now Second of our Councell of ffort S^t^: George to be our Agent and Governour of and for all our affaires in the Bay of Bengalla afores^d^: in y^e^: Roome and stead of y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Hedges hereby Removed from y^t^: trust as afores^d^: and to hold and exercise y^e^: same w^th^: all y^e^: Powers and authourities belonging to that place togeather w^th^: his present imploym^t^ of Agent and Governour of ffort S^t^: George Madrasspa^m^: and of all our ffactories on the Coast of Choromandell and Porto Novo Conimeer and all other our ffactories in the Chinge Country w^ch^: he y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Gyfford or in his absence John Bigrig afores^d^: is to Governe and Direct w^th^: y^e^: advice of our Councell of ffort S^t^: George, and dureing our Pleasure by the Stile or title of President and Governour of all y^e^: English East India Comp^as^: affaires upon y^e^: Coast of Choromandell and in the Bay of Bengalla and to y^e^: end y^e^: s^d^: W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^: or in his Absence John Bigrig afores^d^: may be the better enabled to order and mannage all our affaires in y^e^: Bay of Bengala while hee is present there as well as when he shall Return to our ffort S^t^: George, wee doe by these presents constitute and appoint M^r^ John Beard to be first and next of our Councell of Hughly after our afores^d^: President W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^: or in his absence John Bigrig aforesaid and M^r^ Job Charnock to be Chiefe of Cassumbuzar and next of our Councell of Hughly after M^r^ Beard M^r^: ffrances Ellis to be next of our s^d^: Councell below s^d^: M^r^: Charnock M^r^ Rich^d^: Trenchfield next after M^r^: Ellis, M^r^ Samuell Griffith next after M^r^ Trenchfield M^r^ Thomas Ley next after M^r^ Griffith M^r^ Rich^d^: Gough next after M^r^ Ley and M^r^ Edward Oxborough last of our Councell att Hugly and wee doe hereby give and grant unto y^e^ our said Presid^t^: and Governour W^m^: Gyfford or in his absence to John Bigrig afores^d^: and to our s^d^: Councell forenamed or y^e^: more part of them whereof our s^d^: Presid^t^: to be one or if he be absent John Bigrig afores^d^: or M^r^ John Beard aforesaid (the whole Councell being duly Summoned) full power and authourity from tyme to tyme to Rule and Governe all and every our ffactories and Serv^ts^: within y^e^: s^d^: Agency to administer lawfull oathes as occation shall Require and to doe and ꝑforme all such other Acts and things and to use & exercise all such other powers and authourities as by His Majesties Royall Charter Our Agent and Governour & his Councell in their severall and Respective places where wee y^e^: s^d^: Governour and Comp^a^: have any ffactories or places of trade are authourized to doe

according to such instructions and directions as he y^e^ : s^d^ : W^m^ : Gyfford or in his absence John Bigrig our President and Governour and his Councell beforenamed shall from tyme to tyme Receive under y^e^ : hands of thirteen or more of y^e^ : court of Committees of y^e^: s^d^: Comp^a^: for y^e^: tyme being whereof y^e^: Governour or his Deputy for y^e^: tyme being to be one, and wee the s^d^: Govern^r^: and Comp^a^: doe hereby order and Requier all our ffactours Servants Officers Souldiers and others within y^e^: s^d^: Agency to conforme Submitt and yeald obedience unto him the said W^m^: Gyfford Esq^r^: or in his absence M^r^ John Bigrig afores^d^: our Presid^t^: and Governour afores^d^: accordingly and for as much as y^e^: exegency of our affaires att Fort S^t^: George will not mitt any long stay of our President afores^d^ in y^e^: Bay and that 'tis necessary for us to provide for Succession in y^t^: Agency of y^e^: Bay of Bengala we doe appoynt that upon y^e^: Removall of our s^d^: President to y^e^: ffort M^r^: Beard shall succeed Agent and Chiefe of y^e^: Bay, and in case of his y^e^ s^d^: M^r^ John Beards death or Removall M^r^: Job Charnoke shall Succeed and be our Agent, and in case of his y^e^: s^d^: M^r^: Charnocks death or Removall M^r^ ffrance Ellis shall Succeed and be our Agent in the Bay, and so the Rest of our Councel of Hughly Successively according to the degrees and Stations in w^ch^: wee have placed them, by this Commission except wee ourselves shall see cause hereafter to make any Change of this Settlement and w^th^: as large and ample powers and authourities as we have formerly granted to any Agent and Councell in the Bay of Bengala, But forasmuch as wee the s^d^: Governour and Company, have too much cause to Suspect y^t^: some irregular things have been transacted repugnant to our orders by y^e^: late Agent Hedges since y^e^: departure of y^e^: Defence and Society from y^e^: Bay, We doe for y^e^: prevention of y^e^: like mischeifs for the future appoynt y^t^: in all tymes hereafter Our Agent and Councell in y^e^ : Bay after y^e^ : Returne of President Gyfford or y^e^ : afores^d^ : M^r^. John Bigrig to y^e^ : ffort Shall be subordinate to our President and Councell of ffort S^t^. George and obey such ord^rs^ : directions and Instructions as they shall Receive from them y^e^ s^d^ : President and Councell not being Contrary to any orders they shall Receive from our selves, and this is our express orders not with standing any clause or clauses in the before recited Commission granted to W^m^ : Hedges aforesaid, And for yo^r^ : actings and doeings in all & Singuler y^e^ : premissed this shall be yo^r^ : Sufficient warrant and discharge In Witness Whereof we have Caused y^e^ : larger Scale of our Company to be hereunto affixed y^e^ : Nine and twentith day of December Anno Domini 1683 : and In the five and thirtith year of y^e^ : Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles y^e^ Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defendour of y^e^ : ffaith &c^a^ ;

Sealed w^th^ : y^e^ : Comp^as^ : Seal in y^e^ : Presence of.

ROBERT BLACKBORNE
Secre^y^

[*Endorsed :*] Coppy of the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Commission to President Gyfford.

[*Note.*—Letter from the Company to President, Agents, Chiefs, etc., in India dated 9th October 1683 on pp. 94–9 is a repetition of the letter printed on p. 52 *ante*.]

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL
AT FORT S^T^ : GEORGE.

10,000 P^cs^: Romalls to be sent according to ye: Inclosed Patterne.

1. Wee have writt you largely by these Ships, but whilst they are in the Downs something new will daily occurr, fit for you to know, which you shall be accordingly advised of.

2. Wee have lately mett with a sort of Romalls, of which y^e^ : Dutch brought only two Bales this year, they are wove after an easier manner than any sort wee have formerly had, being strook through with y^e^ : Shuttle at once, your Workmen upon sight, will shew you y^e^ : difference, which difference in workmanship, render's y^m^ : in India, one quart^r^ : part cheaper than those wee have formerly had, and therefore besides those of y^e^ : former Sorts now desired by our Generall List, wee would have you send us Ten Thousand peeces of such as this enclosed Pattern.

3. Considering, that you have good fflax at Madapollam, and that your people are excellently well skilled in Whitening, & y^t: this Kingdom pays to Dutch & other Forreigners at least 150000^{lb}: annū: for white thread, Wee have thought fit to put you upon that experiment, & y^e: rather, because there is no fine thread that wee know of, made in any of our Kings dominions. For your better commencement of this publick good work, wee have sent you some patterns of thread enclosed by which you will see at what excessive rates that Commodity is sold here, Wee hope y^t there when you'r workmen are well entred, you may procure as fine sorts for one third of these prices, but give what you think fit to encourage them at first, you may afterwards abate as you see Cause, you must observe by y^e: Patterns, what skeins y^e: thread is made up in, and how soft it is twisted, and imitate [both as] near as you can, putting not above one pound in a paper, [& number] every paper of y^e: same sort with y^e: same number.

Patternes for thread.

Noe more the more 1 lb. in a paper.

4. Of y^e: severall sorts of this Commodity, you may send us at first 2000^{lb}: value.

2,000 lb: Vallue to be sent.

5. Our Agent & Councill in y^e: Bay, have writt to us often for [Hemp] and Flax dressers, but they being an Inland sort of people, and not used to travell out of England, wee cannot yet perswade any to goe for India.

fflaxdressers dont care to travill.

But out of y^e: great number of English Soldiers you have, & those wee have now sent you, doubtless you may find some of y^t: Trade or that have some Inspection into y^e: way of it, which wee would have you enquire strictly for & send one or two of them into y^e Bay, makeing use of some of them yo^r: selves if you see Cause for it.

Some of ye: Soldiers sent out is beleived may have some insite into ye: trade.

6. Wee have (following the ancient method of our Predecessors,) as you know enjoyn'd all our Commanders under severe penalities not to leave any of their Seaman in India, but finding by later experience, how necessary it is for us to preserve an English breed of men, where y^e: Inhabitants of our Towns grow so numerous in natives, & Considering y^t: wee doe allow you, & all our servants in India y^e: full Freedome of Trade with their own Stocks, & that wee have now put you upon some novile experiments for y^e: Enlargements thereof; Considering likewise, as our Captains inform us, that where ever they Come where any Dutch ships are, they can be supplyed with what number of Dutch seamen they will, and that their weakness, since they have prov'd so treacherous to us at Bantam, may be our strength, Wee doe therefore give you hereafter permission, notwithstanding the Captains respective Covenants in Charter party, to give leave to any Seaman, that shall marry a wife of any Nation, & become an Inhabitant of our Town of Madras, to live & remain there with his Commanders consent, such Seamen remaining in India, or his Commander procuring another European Seaman to serve in his stead.

Seamen to remaine in India if they marry & have the Capts: Consent.

7. But in all Cases of such Intermarriages of Englishmen with fforreign women, you must Strictly preserve your method of seeing, that all the Children of such Marriages, be bred up in the Protestant Religion.

all English Mens Children to be breed up in the Protestant religion.

8. Besides sewing thread for which you have musters wee have reason to beleive any sort of Linnen yarn y^t. you can procure to be made in those ℔ts would turn as well to accompt but it must not be Cross reeled nor great long skeins for fear of entangling but wound up into round balls, as big almost as an ordinary Bowl or a Minion shot or else in short small skeins streight reeled, This we likewise recomend to yo^r. Care, as a matter of great advantage to y^e: publick, whatever it may prove to be to us.

directions about Linnen yarne.

9. The Madopollam long Cloth was 2 Shillings ℔ peece worse than y^t: we had from y^e. Fort, enquire into y^e. authors & cause of that miscarriage & doe yo^r. endeavours to have [right done] us from those that did us that injury.

Madapoll Lo: cloth worse then ye: ffort by 2s: a pce.

Wee have not heretofore received any Cotton yarn from y^e. Fort, but in regard y^t is y^e. principle place of our settlem^t. & which we are y^e. most ambitious to improve, (because we have there a right foundation for improvem^t. y^t. is a nūber of faithfull & prudent Councellors, under an excellent Agent) Wee would have you endeavour to have y^t. sort of Comodity made thereabout, & y^e. quantity

Commendā of the Agt: & Councell.

sent us mentioned in our List, it being our desire to have somthing of every thing those Countrey people can make, & to put y^m^. upon making every Sort of Comodity their Countrey afords materialls for.

Moo: Canvas bolts to be sent from Bengall. hopes in tyme yt : Comodity may be made here.

You forgot this last year to send us any Morees, of which send us therefore y^e^. greater quantity hereafter, Wee shall order our Agent & Councell in Bengall to send you up some Canvas bolts y^t^ those Ships you Load directly from y^e^: Fort may have a proportion of y^t^. course Tunage as well as others. And wee hope in time you may be able to make as Cheap & as good within y^e^ precincts of yo^r^. own Agency.

Cotton Yarn turn'd to good acco^t^:

This sort of Cotton Yarne cost us about 5^d^ ℔ & turned here to an extraordinary proffitt, y^u^ may send of severall sorts finer & some of this as cheape as y^u^ can p^r^cure them, but yo^r^ Seames & reeling must bee as this Wee are

East India House,
27^th^ Octob^r^ 1683.

Yo^r^. loving freinds
Jos^h^ Child.

I send you this as it is only signed by my selfe, but if y^e^. ships stay y^u^ shall have it under all our hands, or with inconsid^r^able alteration.

[*Endorsed:*] East India house 27^th^ Octo^r^ 1683—S^r^ Josia Child—rec^d^ the 3^d^. June 1684 ℔ Royall James.—N°. 34—Entred ℔ R. B.

S^rs^

[Mr:] Samll. [Wet] wang to [be] entertained [a] factour.

Wee haveing given y^u^ so much liberty to entertayne any seamen out of our ships by o^r^ gen^ll^ lett^r^ y^u^ neede not scruple the entertayning S^r^ Jn^o^ Wetwangs sone Samuell for a ffactor if y^u^ have occasion to make use of him, he should have bin admitted here but for want of [time after] S^r^ Jn^o^ lett me know his minde. I am

E.I. House.
30^th^ 8^ber^ 1683.

Yo^rs^.
Jos^h^ Child.

[*Superscribed:*] To W^m^ Gyfford Esq^r^ Agent & M^r^ John Bigrig [Second] of Counsell for y^e^ hono^ble^ East India Comp^a^. [Att] ffort S^t^ George.

[*Endorsed:*] East India house 30^th^ [October 1683] S^r^ Josia Child—℔ Rochester Royall James 16^th^ June 1684.—Entred ℔ R. B.

London 2^d^ January 1683/4.

Our President and Councell at
Fort S^t^. George & Bay of Bengal.

Noe more then: 16: Tunns ℔ 100: of Kintaladge in Salt Peter. w^t^: more to have but 11^ll^: ℔ Tunn for.

Upon y^e^ motion of some Owners of shipping, now in y^e^ Comp^as^ service that they might not bee oblidged to take in more then y^e^ 16^ts^ ℔ 100^ts^ of Kintalidge in Saltpeter, without they shall desire it for y^e^ stiffining of their Ships; for which quantity of Saltpeter over and above y^e^ 16^ts^; agreed on in y^e^ charterparty they are to have but 11^lb^ ℔ ton freight; but it is not our meaning that you should force upon them, more then is necessary for the well stiffining of their ships, & therefore doe require you, that over and above y^e^ 16^ts^ ℔ 100^ts^ you doe not oblige them to take in more then 8^ts^: in Salt peter for every 100 tonns, without they shall make it their request: to have more: & that it be for our conveniency to lade more on board of them, by reason of want of other goods, to make up their full tonnage.

Not to oblige them to take in more then 8 tons: ℔ 100: more y^n^ 16 unless a want of other goods.

Wee remaine

Your loveing freinds.
Signed by order of the Governo^r^ & Court of Com^tees^
Ro Blackborne Sec^re^.

[*Superscribed:*] For the right Wor^ll^ the President and Councell for the English Nation at ffort S^t^ George & of Bay of Bengala—These.

[*Endorsed:*] London 2^d^ January 1683/84—Rob^t^: Blackborne rec^d^ ℔ Resolution 16^th^ June 1684—Entred ℔ R. B.

LONDON, 21TH DECEMBER 1683.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCELL
AT FFORT ST. GEORGE.

All last years lrs: answerd ye: Defence desined to have Come wth: the Resolution.

By our Ships yt. departed out of ye Downs the 15th November last; Our Secret Comtee. wrote you at large, & fully answered all your Lres by our last years Shipping, Wee had thought to have sent Capt. Heath in ye Defence, wth. this Ship the Resolucon, but in regard ys. Resolucon is readie to sail, wee think it not convenient to detain her any longer.

Resolutions treasure designed for the Bay.

A great supply of lead & treasure by the defence.

2. You will see by her Invoices, & bills of loading wt. Treasure, & other goods wee have on bond, all ye Treasure wee intend for ye Bay, & ye lead if you can sell it there, but if you have a ℔ sent good markett for it at ye ffort, wee would not loose ye first opportunitie of disposing of it because Capt. Heath will speedilie bring you a greater supply of the [same] Comoditie, & wee hope about 40 or 50000£ in treasure for ye Bay besides wt. you are to expect from us directly to ye Bay in ffebruary next by the Eagle, & John, & Marie.

What treasure can be spared att ye ffort to be sent to ye: Bay.

3. Wee find by Mr Beyers Computacon, that you have rather too much then too little stock at ye Fort, & therefore wee would have our President take down wth. him to ye Bay wt. Treasure can be spared from ye Fort to give ye best countenance yt may be unto [our] affairs there, before ys arrivall of Capt. Heath, & ye other ships aforesaid, wch. are to follow him.

4. By sending our Lre to ye Bay open to you, & our Comission to or Presidt. & Councell there wee shall save our selves the labour of much repeticon.

Mr. Hedges dissmist the Honoble: Comps: Service. Agt: Gyfford Constituted President.

5. You will see thereby, that wee have dismissed Mr. Hedges our Service & have appointed & Constituted our ℔ sent worthy Agent Wm. Gyfford Esqr. to be Presidt. & Govr. of all our affairs [upon] ye Coast of Choromandel & in ye Bay of Bengall, & in case of his death, or absence Mr Jno. Bigrig is to be our Presidt. & Govr. afores. in ye room, & stead of ye said Wm. Gyfford Esqr our now Agent at ffort St. George.

President Gyfford to goe to the Bay.

6. And our ordr. is that upon ye arrival of this Ship the Resolucon at ffort St. George our now constituted President Wm. Gyfford afores. if he be living, or in case of his death, [Mr] Jno. Bigrig, & in case of his death Mr Eliu Yale in ye [quality] of our President is wth. all possible Expedicon to imbarque [himselfe] upon this Ship the Resolucon & proceed for ye Bay of Bengall to Preside there over all our affairs, & over all our ffactories for this years investment. & to cause all our Ords. now & formerly sent to our Agent & Councill in ye Bay, to be honestly & fully executed, yt at last wee may see a peaceable, carefull, & faithfull settlemt. of all our ffactories in those parts.

Agent Hedges discommended.

A Company of Souldiers to attend ye: President & Officers Drums and Colour to make up a Comps: of Seamen.

7. But for as much as our affairs have been much interrupted by the Insolencie of ye Moors Governrs. as well as by the designs of our late Agent Hedges to arrive at an uncontrolable Empire, over all our ffaithfull antient, experienced Servts. there undr. pretence, but really in contempt of our authoritie as appeared by his detaining ye Govrs. Lres, & some other darker instances, Wee thinke therefore for ye better countenancing of that authoritie wee have now given to our now constituted Presidt. & Councell in the Bay, that our Presidt. now take down wth. him upon this Ship, & such of our Sloops as shall be then at ye ffort one Compleat Comps of ffoot Soldrs. wth. their Officers, Drums, & Colours, & Drums, & Colrs. for ye making up of another ffoot Comps. of such Seamen as can be spared out of this, & our other Ships in ye Bay to make ye show of a great guard to our Presidt. upon his arrivall in ye Bay.

Seamen to returne abord when the appearance is over.

8. But as soon as the appearance is over, wee hope the Occasion will be over, especially of our Seamen, & yt they may return soberly, & quietly to their respective Ships.

only Surgested.

9. Wee doe not absolutely enjoin the making such an appearance of seamen as afores. but onlie suggest it as a thing wch. will not displease us, if our Presidt. thinke it necessarie or convenient.

Sr: John Wettwangs Ship to be dispatched Early.

10. Wee hope you will dispatch Sr Jno. Wetwangs ships earlie to us as wee advised in our former Lres, wch. wee would have you look upon as a matter of concernmt to us.

An Encrease in Cotten yarne and decrease of Ordy: Long Cloth and Sallampores.

11. If you fall short of our List in any thing let it be in ordry. Lo. Clo. & Sallampores, & encrease wt. you can in Cotton yarn at ye ffort, notwth. standing wee have writ for soe much to ye Bay, that being a bulky Comoditie may be of good use to fill up our great Ships wch. you are to send home this year.

Stirrup Hoes and ye: full quantity of romalls.

12. Send likewise a Proporcon of Stirrup hoze from ye ffort, & Let us not fail of the full qtie. of Romals menconed in our List, of wch. list of goods to be provided as well in ye Bay as at ye ffort (for more certainty wee send you herewth a Second Copie).

Surrat Packett to be forwarded wth. Speed.

13. Our Pacquet for Surrat send forward speedily by a Patemar, if noe speedier conveyance present.

Mr Bigrig to be Cheife in the absence of ye: Presidt: Mr Yale to be Cheife.

14. If Mr Gyfford be living to take upon him the Presidency as afors. wee appoint Mr Bigrig to be Chief of our affairs in ye absence, & untill ye return of Mr Gyfford, if Mr Gyfford be dead (wch. God forbid) & Mr Bigrig take upon him the Presidency, wee appoint Mr Elihu Yale to be Cheif of all our affairs at ye ffort during ye absence, & untill ye return of Mr Bigrig, & soe successivelie the rest of our Councill at ye ffort according to the degrees, & stacons they are placed in below, & succeeding Mr Yale.

The Presdt: to Returne to ye: ffort when affairs are settled in the Bay.

15. Tho' Wee have appointed our new Constituted Presidt. to goe to, & preside in ye Bay, for this Years investmt. wee doe not thereby intend to limit his stay in ye Bay to any [præscript] certain time, but leave yt to his own discretion when he hath setled all our affairs there to his Content, wth. the advice of our now Constituted Councell for ye Bay, & done all he thinks is necessarie for or. Service, there wee leave him to his own libertie to return by some of our Ships to the Exercise of his Charge, & Comand at ye ffort, as soon as he shall thinke it convenient, leaving Mr Beard, or in case of Mr Beards death or absence, Mr Job Charnock to be Agt. of all our affairs in ye Bay according to our Comission.

Soldier to be left in ye: Bay.

16. Wee likewise leave it to our Presidts. discrecon to leave soe many of our Soldrs. in ye Bay at his return to ye ffort as he shall thinke necessarie, & convenient for our Service.

ffactors and Writers for the Coast and Bay.

17. Wee have made Choice of severall ffactors, & [writers] for the better carrying on of our affairs both on ye Coast & at ye Bay at ye Sallarie of 15 £ each ffactor, & 5 £. each Writer whom you may dispose off as you find most for our Service Vizt. for

FORT Sr. GEORGE.

Factors.

Samuel Swinnock.
Wm. Cawley.
Joshua Charlton.
Jno. Hill.
Jno. Pitts.
Wm. Phillips.

Writers.

Robt. Wright.
Robt. Bellamy.
Edwd. Hill.
Geo. Wingfeild.
Jno. Price.
Jer. Bouncel.

BAY OF BENGALA.

Mr Ricd. Gough.
Edwd. Oxbrough.
Jno. Baxter.
Saml. Meverell.
} to be of Councill at Hughly.

Charles Pate.

Jno. Hannum.

Writers.

Cha. ffoster.
Jno. Rose.
Jno. Butterfeild.
Edwd. King.
Thos. Blyther.
Wm. Burridge.
Benja Planner.
Jos. Jenkins.
Tho. Constable.

Who are ordered to take yr Passage on ye Resolucon & Defence, & such as are not readie to goe on ym. shall be sent on ye Eagle &cr.

18. Herewth. wee send you a Paper from ye Comtee. of our Treasrie touching our Mint & Treasure to wch. wee referr you.

19. Wee have ꝑmitted one Mr Humph̃ Yard to take his passage on this years shipping to live at ye ffort as a ffree Merchr: & have taken caution of him yt he shall hold noe Correspondency wth. or in ye least assist any Interlops. but is to ye contrary to give all hindrance, & disappoint ym. all he can.

20. Mrs Susanna Salisburie Executrix to her brother Ambrose Salisbury having demanded of us wt. is due on our books to her said brother, wee have not pd. it because it is not brought to our Accot. currt. wch. wee would have done by ye next, unlesse their be just [reason] to ye Contrarie, of wch. give us notice.

21. Mr. Ricd. Brown having shown himself zealous for our interest agt. ye Interlops. wee cannot but take notice of it as yt. wch. is very acceptable service to us, & accordingly would have him receive all due Encouragemt from you as Opportunitie offers, but if he were one of those yt sorted our goods soe ill in ye inferiour [factories] he hath done us more damage by that, than benefit by the Other. Wee Comend you & our affaires to ye ꝑ tecc̃on of the Almighty & remaine

THOMAS DAVALL.
JOHN DU BOIS.
RI: HUTCHINSON.
JOSEPH HERNE.
THOS: COOKE.

JOHN MOORE.
PETER DANIEL.
WM [SEDGWICKE].

Yor loveing friends
JOHN BANKS Govr.
[BERKLEY].
[WM. JARRETT].
JOSA CHILD.
[JA: EDWARDS].

P.S.—For what Twyne Ropes Canvas for Tarpolins or Gunneys wch. yu Shall want at ye ffort & are best procureable in ye Bay We would have yu furnish yourselves therewith at the cheapest rates they can be had And lett our Chief & ffactors at Madapollam be strictly enjoyned to have the goods contracted for out of ye Merchants hands & in readiness well packed against the arrivall of Our

Shipping with them, that they may have no delay given to their dispatch from thence.

[*Endorsed:*] Companies Generall to the Fort dat. 21 Dec. 1683.—N°. (1)—rec^{d} ℔ Resolution the 16th June 1884.—Entred ℔ R. B.

S^{r},

St. Hellena to be improved.

Wee are now improveing o^{r} Island of S^{t} Hellena (noe lesse then our trade) to w^{ch} purpose pray send our Govern^{r} & Councell by every ship when y^{u} cann buy them men or women cheape. The freight & passage of them y^{u} may leave to bee adjusted betweene the Comitty & Comm^{drs}. for this yeare, & the next yeare I shall insert a covenaunt in Charter p^{r}ty for this purpose.

seeds & plants to be sent to St. Helena.

Pray likewise send them some of all y^{e} best usseful seeds & plants y^{u} can p^{r}cure wth such dyrections as y^{u} thinke needfull concerning them. This letter being to noe other purpose I Rest

Wanstead house
11th June 1683.

Yo^{r} very affec^{te} friend
Jos^{a}. Child.

[*Superscribed:*] To W^{m} Gyfford Esq^{r} Agent for y^{e} hono^{ble}: East India Cump^{a}. Att ffort S^{t} George.

[*Endorsed:*] Wansted house 11th June 1683—S^{r} Josia Child—via Bengall 30 June 1684—Entred ℔ R. B.

[*Note.*—The original of the following letter pp. 120-123 dated 31st May 1683 is decayed and torn. It is printed here from the Madras copy in Vol. IV, pp. 116-120.]

Our Agent & Councill att Fort S^{t}: George. London, May 31st 1683.

receipt of letters acknowledged. Commendacon.

1. We have with great Satisfaccon recd: overland ℔ via Surratt yours of y^{e}: 31st: August & 7 of September 1682 in y^{e}: whole whereof you give us great cause to praise and Commend your doings & that true zeal and fidelity with which it appears to us you are now carried on in y^{e}: prudent discharge of y^{t}: great trust we have reposed in you.

approbacon for not buying Diamonds till a certainty whither y^{e}: Ships could be fitted with other goods.

2. You did exceeding well in delaying to buy Diamonds for us 'till you were certaine you Should have Sufficient of other goods fully to load all our Shipping, which you give us hopes of will be with an overplus and So we would have it every year, because now our trade and consequently, our effects are growne So great, & y^{e}: time of their departure hence so casuall y^{t}: we cannot alwaies tell you before hand certainly when & wth: [w^{t}. quantity] of Tonnage we Shall send you but we Shall do it as near and as well as we can, by our first Ships y^{t}: depart towards your Place in Novemb^{r} next.

ffor y^{e}: Security of y^{e}: ffort & Towne against ye: Sea, a deep strong foundacon of Chinam to be laid. y^{e}: Towne in all other respects to be ffortified.

3. We take notice of y^{e}: great inundacon y^{t}: indangered our Towne and ffort and we would have you endeavour to prevent Such future Accidents by laying such a deep and Strong foundacon of Chinan as you mencon y^{t}: may be Sufficient in all humane probability to ℔vent damage by any Such accident hereafter, and in all other respects we would have you to Strengthen and ffortifie our ffort and Towne by degrees, y^{t}: it may be tenable against y^{e}: assault of any Indian Prince and y^{e}: Dutch power of India if we should happen to have any difference wth: them hereafter about this Bantam business, which we shall never Suffer them to carry Smoothly off, as they have done things of y^{e}: like nature heretofore but we must needs desire you so contrive your business (but with all gentleness) y^{t}: y^{e}: Inhabitants may pay y^{e}: full Charge of all repaires and ffortificacons, who do live easier, under our Government then under any Governm^{t}: in Asia, or indeed under any Governm$_{t}$: in y^{e}: known part of y^{e}: World their saying they pay Custome

is a frivolous Objeccon, and relates only to their Security at Sea under our Passes and under y^e^: Guns of our ffort in Port, but y^e^: Strong ffortifying of y^e^: Towne &c^a^: and y^e^: raising new works is a Security to their lives, houses wives & children & all y^t^: belongs to them.

y^e^: Inhabitants to pay y^e^: Charge of repairs and fortificacons but w^th^: gentleness.

4. To inable you to discource this matter fairly with Such as are ingenious of y^e^: Natives or y^e^: Portuguez y^t^: live there, you may assure them y^t^: by y^e^: best Acco^t^: and informacon we have now from Battavia y^e^: Dutch have not So many Inhabitants or their own native ffreemen there of all kinds as we have at ffort S^t^: George & yet do not allow any trade at Sea to their Inhabitants or their own native ffreemen (as they call them) while notwithstanding they do raise a revenue from them of above 90,000 £ Sterl: over and above y^e^ full charge of their Garrison & ffortificacons.

Argumts: about Dutch Revenue at Battavia, to induce y^e^: Inhabitants here to contribute towards y^e^: charge of y^e^: Garrison.

We are Sorry your design at Porto Novo did not hitt, tho y^e^: Subedar himselfe will be y^e^: greater looser thereby, as it happens, for y^t^: his friend Ally went not out till this year and before he can gett to Porto Novo we hope you will have bought y^e^: Subedar out y^e^: charge whereof we Shall not regrett, being resolved as much as in us lies to Suppress y^e^: Interloping and by what we find from our Surratt letters, y^e^ hand of God seems to be much against them, few or none of their Ships y^t^: went out y^e^: year before this last being like to come to England againe & if any do with miserable broken and loosing voyages, so y^t^: we hope we Shall have little trouble with those kind of people for some years, besides most of them will be greatly impoverished by y^e^: money they have taken up at interest, which now y^e^: deluded world Seing them improsperous will be instantly demanding & harrassing them for.

concerning y^e^: ill Success of y^e^: Interlopr: & y^e^: hand of God being much agst:

6. Sands still continues disquieting himselfe and us, at Law, to little purpose while his Ship and goods have lyen at wrack in this river 7 or 8 moneths and is never like to put you to any trouble in India.

about Interloping Sands & his Ship.

7. We have Sent you by y^e^: Anne 3 ffactors Viz^t^: M^r^: Tho: Child, M^r^: Hugisson & Charles Carr whome we would have you to employ as you shall find them deserving assoon as they can come to you from y^e^: Bay, if you thinke it for our Service by any private Ship or Portuguez Ship of your place y^t^: goes to Acheen we would have you Settle a ffactory at y^t^: Place upon y^e^: best termes you can agree, & send a Small Stock in money and proper goods to buy up all y^e^: Pepper or other goods Proper for Europe, they can procure from time to time, that when you Shall understand what quantity they have in readiness you may Send a Ship to take it in or otherwise y^t^: we may have it ready there for our China [Ships outward bound.]

3 ffactors Sent out.

a ffactory to be Setled at Acheen. a Small Stock of money to be Sent.

8. That which encourageth us to this Settlem^t^: at Acheen is an opinion y^t^: whilst wars continue at Bantam or otherwise if y^e^: Dutch remain Masters thereof, they will so beat downe y^e^: price of Pepper on all y^e^: West Coast of Sumatra, y^t^: as soon as y^e^: Natives Shall hear y^t^: money and other goods may allwayes be had for Pepper at Acheen, they will with Prowes and other Small vessells be constantly bringing of Pepper to Acheen as they formerly did to Bantam during y^e^: English Residence there.

Reasons why 'tis good Setling att Acheen.

9. But we would not have you Settle there before you have made a firm agreement with y^e^: Queen for all y^e^: terms of our residence and trade there, y^e^: Condicons whereof we Shall leave you to make Instruccons for, in y^e^: most prudent and frugall way you can, & to take y^e^: fittest and cheapest Season for it, for we are not in hast, nor would not do it at all, except y^e^: termes be very good and y^t^: you Judge it may be worth our expence to Settle in y^t^: Place as we thinke it may at this time.

but not 'til agreement w^th^: y^e^: Queen on good terms.

10. However begin with an easy charge at first, with not above 2 ffactors & 1 Writer, limiting their whole expence, within Such narrow bounds, and certaine not to exceed as you Shall thinke most convenient and absolutely necessary.

to begin w^th^: an easy charge at first.

Mr: ffeild dismis't y^{e}: Compas: Service for consigneing [Ship to Persia] to y^{e}: Shaubandr.

11. We having had an Acco^{tt}: both from Persia & Surratt of y^{e}: great wrong done us by M^{r}: Jn^{o}: Feild at Metchlepatam, his Sending a private Ship for Persia consigning her to y^{e}: Shaubundar, & not to our Cheif & Councill there whereby we have been defrauded of our Consulage, & otherwise greatly prejudiciall to us, we do hereby dismiss him our Service and Possitively order you to Send for him immediately up to y^{e}: ffort, and to returne him for England by y^{e}: ffirst Ship to answer y^{e} damage y^{t}: he hath done us.

Your Loving ffriends
Jn^{o}: Banks Gov^{r}:
Jer: Sambrooke Dep^{ty}:
Jos^{a}: Child.
Jn^{o}: Moore.
Tho: Davall.
C: Banks.
Jam: Ward.
Jos: Herne.
Edw^{d}: Rudge.
Chris: Boone.
P^{r}: Daniell.
W^{m}: Jarrett.
Tho: Cooke.
W^{m}: Sedgwicke.
Tho: Canham.
Hen: Serle.

P.S:

1. His Ma^{ty}: hath required of us to send to India to provide for him one male & two female Blacks, but they must be Dwarfs, & of y^{e}: least size y^{t}: you can procure y^{e}: Male to be about 17 years of Age, & y^{e}: ffemale about 14, we would have you next to their littleness to choose Such as may have y^{e}: best features and to Send them home upon any of our Ships giving y^{e}: Command^{r}: a great charge to take care of their accommodacon, & in particular of y^{e}: ffemale, y^{t}: She be no way abused in y^{e}: voyage by any of y^{e}: Seamen, for their provision and cloths you must take care to lay it in, & lett them be set out with all Such Ear & Nose rings, & Shackles for ornament about their legs (of false Stones & brass but not with Gold) as is usuall to wear in y^{e}: Countrey, but let them not be wore by them in y^{e}: voyage, but Sent to us apart.

2. Your letters now recd: overland intimating a want of ffactors, we have Sent you 3 and one Writer Viz^{t}: M^{r}: Tho: Child M^{r}: Natt: Higgison & M^{r}: Cha: Carr in y^{e}: quallity of ffactors, and M^{r}: Thomas Cheny as a writer, whom you are to imploy as y^{u}: find them capable of Businesse agreeable to their Tallent.

3. Herewith you shall receive 2 Commissions out of Chancery for examinacon of witnesses in y^{e} case of M^{r}: Masters and M^{r}: Cholmley which you are to see duly Executed.

1. Concerning black Dwarfs to be Sent home for his Ma^{ty}:
2. 3 ffactors & a Writer Sent.
3. Commissions out of Chancery about M^{r}: Masters and M^{r}: Cholmely.

[*Endorsed*:] Hon^{ble} Camp^{as} Gen^{ll} to the ffort dated 31st May 1683—rec^{d}. from Bengal the 30th June 1684—Dwarfes: Factors: Chancery—Entred ℔ R.B.

London, 9th October 1683.

S^{r} Thomas Grantham.

S^{r}: Tho: Grantams proceadings to be keept secrett and orders from

We being satisfied that there is good reason the Instruccons given you for your further proceedings should be kept as secret as may be, doe hereby direct & enjoyn you to follow all such orders as you shall receive from S^{r} John Banks Governo^{r}, S^{r} Jeremy Sambrooke Deputy Governo^{r}, S^{r} Josia Child, M^{r} Joseph

Herne or any three of them, as fully and effectually as you ought to doe any other Order of the Governor, Deputy, and Comittees in general, So wishing you a prosperous voyage, We rest

S^{r}: John Banks S^{r}: Jeremy Sambrook S^{r}: Josia Child & M^{r}: Herne to be observed.

Yo^{r} Loving Friends
JOHN BANKS Gov^{r}.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep^{ty}.
JOS^{A}. CHILD.
JA: EDWARD.
JOSEPH ASHE.
JOHN MOORE.
JAM: WARD.
PETER DANIEL.
HENRY SERLE.
JO: [CREED].
C. BANKS.
EDWARD RUDGE.
JOSEPH HERNE.

RI HUTCHINSON.
THO: CANHAM.
FRAN: TYSSEN.
THO COOKE.
W^{M} SEDGWICKE.
W^{M} JARRETT.
JOHN DU BOIS.
S^{R}: THOMAS GRANTHAM.

[*Endorsed:*] From the Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} to S^{r} Thomas Grantham the 9th: Octo^{r}: 1683—rec^{d} y^{e} 5th July 1684—℔ Amoy Merch^{t}—Entred ℔ R. B.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL
AT FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

LONDON, 9TH: OCTOBER 1683.

We have wrote you more largely by 3 Ships viz^{t}. the Royall James Beaufort and Rochester now upon departure from Gravesend for your place, and we are the briefer to you in this, because we have Some hopes this Ship may meet S^{r} Thomas Grantham Comander of the Charles at S^{t}. Helena, which if She do She is to Sail with & by the order of S^{r}. Thomas Grantham from S^{t}. Helena for Surrat &c. and not to come near your Coast this voyage.

The Emoy Merch^{t}: order'd to S^{t}: Hellena & to Saile wt^{h} S^{r} Thomas Grant[h]am if she met him there if not to come to the fort.

We have in our Said larger letters writt you how to dispose of this Ship and therefore Shall not need to Say any thing more of it here. We are

Your very loving friends
JOHN BANKS Gov^{r}.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep^{ty}
JOS^{A} CHILD.
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Endorsed:*] Hon^{ble} Comp^{as}. Generall to the ffort Dated 9th October 1683—rec^{d} y^{e} 5th July 1684. ℔ Amoy Merch^{t}—Entred ℔ R.B.

LONDON, 9TH OCTOB^{R} 1683.

S^{R} THOMAS GRANTHAM.

In pursuance of the Court of Com^{tees} authority delegated to Us (as you will see by the inclosed fro themselves) We doe hereby order you That if this letter meet you at S^{t} Helena, you doe forthwith proceed upon your Persia voyage, without going to Hippins Island or any other place in the S^{o} Seas: Taking with you & to yo^{r} assistance this Ship the Amoy Merch^{t}, whereof Robert Bibey is Comand^{r}, who is appointed to follow yo^{r} order, if he meets you at S^{t} Helena.

S^{r}: Thomas Grantam ordered to proceed for Persia as also the Emoy Merch^{t}

As to your Persia Voyage We have noe addiconal Instructions to give you: But in regard the joyning of this Ship to yo^{r} ayd is a further charge upon us, you may reasonably stand with y^{e} Shabunder, or whatever other Persian Minister you shall treat with, upon the better terms for the Comp^{a}, which must be left to your discrecon, But We must always mind you, that our inclinacon as well as o^{r} Interest, leads us to affect peace rather than warr.

Referred to former orders. Raither Peace y^{e}: warr.

Provision and Soldiers on the Emoy to be left att St Hellena.

All the Comp^as provisions & other things on board the Amoy are to be left with our Governo^r & Councel at S^t Helena, as also the Twenty Soldjers on board that Ship : And you, in case this Ship meets you at S^t Helena, are to leave all our Rape-cakes with o^r Governo^r and Council, there being noe occasion for your carrying any Cattel for our accompts, since your voiage is altered. We are

Your loving friends
JOHN BANKS Gov^r.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep^ty.
JOS^A CHILD.
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Endorsed :*] From the Hon^ble Comp^a to S^r Thomas Grantham dated 9^th Octob^r : 1683—rec^d the 5^th July 1684 ℔ Amoy Merch^t—Entred ℔ R. B.

TO THE WORSHIP^L. THE AGENT
& COUNCIL AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

S^r

Difference between Madapollam & ffort S^t George books of Accots.

It is a shame to see how you keep your acco^ts with your subordinate Factories on your Coast. Madapollam made their remains in former books 51000 pag^s. you made it but 30000. They make it now 4511 : 8 :- and you make it 29037 : 10 :- which vast difference on y^e Contrary side is occasioned in your chargeing them with 25000 pag^o. which they had not rec^d. at the Closure of their books. But you should settle the former errours and make either your books agree with them or their's with your's. I writ you something about it last year.

Mr Bigrigs accots, Visits to be Cleared [&] Mr Bridgers d bt to be recd.

M^r. Bigrig's acco^t. of visits &c^a. ought to be cleared out of your books & M^r. Bridger's debt of Pag^s 26: 1: 5 ought to be rec^d. there.

Accots Stated improperly.

By your Journall I finde you enter 2 articles of Proffit & Losse after you have entered the Ballance which is improper fo^r what concernes the Ballance ought to be the last articles.

Your Journall ought to be firmed by the Agent.

London, 29^th. December 1683.

FRANCIS BEYER Accomp^t: Gen^ll

[*Endorsed :*] The Accomptant's paper to the Agent and Councell at Fort S^t. George x ber 1683—N^o. 10—The Aug^o: 1684—℔ R: James—Entred ℔ R. B.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE COAST.

Long cloth Ordnary	100,000	p^s:
Longcloth brown	40,000	,,
Longcloth fine ... ... N^o. 4. 5. ...	20,000	,,
Longcloth ord'nary without stiffining	10,000	,,
Longcloth blew	0,000	,,
Sallampores ord'nary from N^o. 3 to N^o 10	168,000	,,
Sallampores N^o 18. 19. 20 at last prices	40,000	,,
Percollaes fine N^o 15. 16 if at the prices ℔ y^e ships 1680	20,000	,,
if not but	10,000	,,
Morees N^o 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12	20,000	,,
Morees N^o 4	4,000	,,
Neckclothes of 16 in a p^s	20,000	,,
Neckcloths Ord'nary Strip'd with red, most Medapollam Goods, leit half the parcell be white Stripes	300,000	y^s:
Neckcloths of 2 yds long 12 in a p^s	4,000	p^s:
Betelles 25 yds long	12,000	,,
Betelles 20 yds long	15,000	,,

Dimities of the strongest & finest, in 2, or 3 sorts. ¾ the finest in sorts that can be made 1⅛ broad ...	5,000	P
Diapers the like strong & fine, ¾ broad & of different, and broader works	5,000	„
Cotton yarn according to Sample	150	Bales.
Red Wood or Red Saunders	300	tons.
Linnen yarn	100	Bales.
Diamonds to the value of	30,000	£
Romalls to be made at the Fort according to a New Sample now Sent	10,000	p^{s}
Ginghams ¼ broad Such as in Agent Foxcroft's time Struck thick & close	7,000	„
Issareez made at the Fort for a tryall, provided they be bought as cheap as formerly advised	2,000	„

GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT METCHLEPAT^{M}.

Longcloth ordnary white such as ℔ Johanna N° 10. 11. 12. 13	30,000	peices.
Longcloth fine N° 2. 3. 4. as ℔ Ditto ship	6,000	„
Sallampores fine	27,000	„
Sallampores ordnary	27,000	„
Percollaes fine of Pettipolee	6,000	„
Book Percallaes	3,000	„
Percollaes the finest sorts made into Chints 8 yds long, & full yard wide, the ground to be green, purple, red & some white, the painting to be very curious wth variety of colours	4,000	„
Golcondah or Pettipolee Course paintings, cloth to be new & the ground white	15,000	„
Ginghams White provided they be broader & cheaper than last frõ this place this year w^{ch} were narrow & very bad	7,000	„
Ginghams browne	6,000	„
Issareez	6,000	„
Oringall Betellees cheaper than this year or none ...	10,000	„
Comhom Betellees to a pattern sent last year ...	20,000	„
Golcondah Betellees-very fine thin and clear to be bought cheaper than last year	3,000	„
Allejahaes	24,000	„
Saderuncheras	10,000	„
Collaway poos	10,000	„
Sacerguntees	10,000	„
Coacon Cherrulaes	10,000	„
Ditto blew & white	5 or 6,000	„
Dungarees to be all yard wide and thicker	30,000	„
Cotton Romalls 40 ℔ Cent cheaper	100,000	„
Sale Cloth if as good as last	30,000	„
otherwise	15,000	„
such as Metchleptm Musters ℔ Faulcon		
Sallamp̃ at 27 Pag^{s} ℔ Corge	3,600	„
Sallamp̃ at 28 Pag^{s} ℔ Corge	3,600	„
Percollaes 20 Pag^{s} ℔ Corge	6,000	„
Percollaes 13 Pag^{s} ℔ Corge	6,000	„
Percollaes 10¼ Pag^{s} ℔ Corge	6,000	„
Cummums	16,000	„
Pegu Sticklack	200	Ton.
Salpecadoes	4,000	p^{s}.

Besides all such goods of new kinds that We writt for in o^r^ Several Letters last year full quantity of what We then writt for, or since by any of our Lett^r^ Overland, such as Pettipole painting Cotton Stockings Shifts ready made, of severall sorts, & what other new kind of goods you can procure in the Gingee Country of which M^r^. Lucas gave Us hopes.

Neither would Wee have you forgett to send Us a good quantity of that Indico, made near, y^e^ ffort, which Wee formerly writt for and you promised, S^r^. Jeremy Sambrooke formerly sent some by y^e^ Loyall Merchant for his owne account which he bought of Verona.

Remember allwayes to put but 150 Pieces of Gulcondah Bettellees, or other fine goods in one Bale, that being enough of a fine sort for one lott, for the proporc̃oning of this Cargoe from Porto Nova, Connimeers, Pettipole, Gingerlee, and the rest of your new ffactories how much from each place, We must leave to your discretion.

[*Endorsed:*] List of Goods to be provided at the Fort.—N° (8)—Rec^d^ the 3^rd^ June 1684 & Royall James.—Entred & R. B.

Concerning the Mint & treasure at the Coast & Bay.

Fort still sensible of y^e^ Continued [prejudice of y^e^ Company.]

Wee perceive by the Agent & Council's this year's letters from Fort S^t^. George that they have taken right observations of what we wrote them this time two years on this subject and they Expresse themselves very sensible of the continued prejudice y^e^ Company susteynes by y^e^ Coineing their Gold into Pagod^s^. which they endeavo^r^ all that possibly they can with their best skill & care to prevent.

Never soe badd accot. of y^e^: Mint except y^e^ last prodigious year.

Yet we never received or have heard of soe bad an accompt (Except that of the very last prodigious yeare) as this now come which instead of 963⅔ Scarce renders 940 New Pagod^s^. for 100 ounces stand^t^. gold not withstanding some Chests weighed more there then & Invoice here.

Abuse of Gold in Engld. Strange Ingt. N°. 38.

They suppose (that which we formerly but onely hinted as possible) that the abuse is altogether or in the greatest part. comitted here And we should be more of their opinion (seeing that now againe contra to reason & former example y^e^ Coynes to produce better then Ingots) if it were not that M^r^ Cooke doth owne himselfe to have melted that strange Ingott N°. 38 in Chest N°. D. soe much discoursed of the last year then in which there hath not apeared a greater mistery of this nature.

Takeing y^e^ assays from y^e^ top of y^e^ Ingt.

But as we ought not to beleive it done by M^r^. Cooke nor to his knowledge soe then of necessity we must conclude the fraud to be in their Mint and therefore to excuse the inconvenience of cutting the Ingotts in two and taking the Assay from the middle we have begun to take them from the top which will make a farr better discovery here then that taken from the bottome being noe other mettall whatsoever can be sunk soe deep into melted Gold.

Coynes produce less y^n^ Ingt.

The Coynes have alwayes more soyle & are more subject to filching & droping aside in the handling at their weighing & have comonly some false peices in every bagg not easily to be discerned by sight onely a few of which would debase the whole Masse when melted into an Ingott.

There may be as many R^s^. of 8 sent them as y^e^ Company can procure and well spare from their other occasions But it is fit they should know it is cheifly because they for their ease & quick dispatch desire it and that there is a farr greater necessity of them in the Bay where we have noe Mint of our owne & have noe benefit of any other specie of silver or Gold wherewith to make Investm^ts^ untill the ships for that yeare are come or ready to come away nor then without great charge & hazard as they well know.

It may be a greater quantity of R^s^. on y^e^ Coast would lessen their present value there are soe many gone and now going by ℔ mission (onely) to Comanders & others (for they register with us noe other species) as may possibly fall them to 20 for 10 pag^s^. as in S^r^. W^m^. Langhorne's time ℔ before.

And that here is now a greater dearth of R^s^. then usuall & that the advance on them above the rate of Gold is not altogether soe much nor by a peny a peice

as at first sight it apears by reason of the abatement for want of weight neither are the Rs. 8 alloyed as they were informed with Lead For that soft mettall is as contrary to Silver as brasse is to Gold a very small mixture thereof would sower & make useles a great Mass of Silver.

The Spanish barrs are farr more fit for their's & indeed for any other use especially for coyning into Rupees because they (the Rups.) are 14 dwt. better then any sort of Rs. or standt. Silver and it is much easier & cheaper to make fine silver courser, then of course fine because it needs noe troublesome & dear extraction but onely addition of alloy where it is required.

Their books No. Z for Anno 1681 being now come we finde the 14 Chests of Rs. which they advised the last year to have disposed at $16\frac{1}{4}$, $16\frac{3}{8}$, & $16\frac{5}{8}$ for 10 Pago. to come out at noe better then $18\frac{1}{2}$ Rs. for 10 Pago. by reason of the abatement for weight which it seems they make to be equall and the same with 8 Gold Pago: and that is almost 17 dwt. 15 grs. whereas the medium of all the $ we have usually sent is but 17 dwt. 8 grs. & that was alwayes the agreed weight at Bantam soe as this 7 grs. allowance for want of weight abates 1d. upon a peice ℔ that rate & yet [more ℔] the beforemenc̃oned accompt in the books of 14 Chests. It is like they have noe allowance for the few peices that may be sometimes found to weigh above 17 dwt. 15 graines.

The want of one or two peny weight in many of the Ingots & Coine (which they atribute to the badnes of their old beame & overworne wtts: is in like mañer or more complained of from other parts but this with them we hope is now remedyed by a very exact new Beame with a sett of Weights & suitable Scales sent them the last yeare.

But for the differences between their Assaymt & our Invoices we know not what more to answer then the last year For our Assay Masters (though not infallible) are under their Oaths & their's seem not soe Skilfull nor altogether soe honest as they ought to be but whereever the fault or difference lyes they must be carefull to keep their Mint's repute by exact weight & finenes of their Pagodo's.

They advise to have disposed all the Rs. 8 of the last year 1682 for 2 month's time at $15\frac{9}{16}$ for 10 Pagods. which though better a little then ye former yeare yet we still suppose will fall short in accompt above a peñy a peece for the reason aforesaid.

Wee have noe other accompt or books of Anno 1682 but their Mint booke & by those of the former 1681 we find noe accot. at all of any barrs of Silver but all sent away & charged to Subordinate Factoryes.

Wee neither want as yet nor have they now sent any of their owne Coine or Pollicat Pagods. for Samples.

Wee have made inquiry & inspection into that most strange Muster of 6. 10. 12 grs. of Gold they sent us last year but can find noe other reason or satisfaction therein but an apparent & abominable Cheat.

Wee are sorry to find them silent about the hoped Pherma[nd] for coyning Silver Rupees at the Fort & desire to know if they make any difference between the severall Coines of $ & if soe which are most or least esteemed.

Wee writ them soe large & ℔ ticuler on each of these subjects the last year as we have at this time nothing further to add but the recom̃endation thereof to their ℔usall.

Wee finde by the Books Z now received from Hugley ye Custome & charge upon Barrs of Silver soe great as that one ounce troy produces but 2 Rupees $4\frac{2}{15}$ ans. which is not above 4s 9d ℔ oz stañ & Rs. 8 about 4s $6\frac{1}{2}$d a peice being sold there at 217 Rups. $9\frac{3}{15}$ ans. ℔ Centm. There is noe advise or other accompt of any Gold disposed these books being ballanced but to 30 April 1682 before Mr. Hedges time onely they have sent a Certificate of the want of 17 dwt. in 5 Ingots of Gold that were recd. of Mr. Cooke.

The books from Metchlepatam X ballanced to 30th April 1682 have noe accot: of Gold as receiving their Pagods. ready Coined from the Fort but the produce of 7 Chests of Silver barrs comes out at 21 fans. 3 Cash which makes 5s $2\frac{1}{2}$d ℔ oz standt. & 3 Chests of Rs. 8 were disposed at $15\frac{5}{8}$ for 10 Pago. without any abatemt.

for want of weight or other charge that we yet finde soe that both species render there better than any where else.

These are the first books or accompts that we have hitherto imediately received from Metchlepatam or the Bay of any sort of y^e^ Company's Treasure being they were alwayes heretofore subordinate to Fort S^t^. George.

Upon serious consideration of y^e^ Company's great losse in the two last years upon their Gold at Fort S^t^. George if it be not by deceit of the Sheroffs there (as we most incline to beleive) nor by the Goldsmith's owne melted Ingots here we can conceive noe other probable way Then that it is by such Ingots as they (the Goldsmiths) receive from Holland & other parts & deliver us againe without any melting or other tryall then meerly an Assay from the bottome of the Ingot.

Or else (that which we are loath to suspect) y^e^ Cashire may by mistake or favour to the Goldsmiths enter into his booke (from whence the Invoices are transcribed) the Reports of the Tower better then in truth they are.

But this Paragraph we doe not designe to be sent to the Fort unles y^e^ Comittee & directers of y^e^ Company's letters shall thinke fit to whom we thought it necessary to impart this Conjecture.

[*Endorsed:*] Observations on y^e^ Mint—Au: Aug^o^: 84: ℔ James—Entred ℔ R. B.

FACTORS 1683.

John English Esq Agent for Bantam.
M^r^ John Gray.
M^r^ Charles Fownes.
M^r^ Henry Thurscross.
M^r^ John Baxter.
M^r^ Charles Pate.
M^r^ Sam: Swynoke.

WRITERS.

M^r^ Robert Bellamy.
M^r^ W^m^ Bouridge.
M^r^ George Wingfield.

[*Endorsed:*] List of ffactors—(10)—Rec^d^ the 3^d^ June 1684—℔ Royall James.

LIST OF THE COMP^AS^ PACQUETT ℔ THE ROCHESTER.

No. 1. Comp^as^ General to their President, Agents & Councills in all parts of India.
2. Copies Comp^as^ Generalls Overland Dat. 20^th^ July. 14^th^ Aug.^st^ 5.^th^ Sept^br^.
3. Comp^as^ Gen'ral to the Fort, dat. 19^th^ Octob.^r^
4. 2 Invoice Ditto ship.
5. 2 Bills of Lading, Ditto.
6. Charterparty Ditto.
7. List of ships design'd for India.
8. List of Factors and Writers.*

[*Endorsed:*] List of the Rochesters Pacquett—rec^d^ the 2^d^ June 1684.

LONDON. MAY 31.^TH^ 1683.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE AND BAY OF BENGALL, RESPECTIVELY.

This Gentleman M^r^ Meredith who goes out Chaplain of y^e^ Anne being very desirous to serve Us in that capacity in some of our Factorys in India, of whose ability and deportment Cap^t^: Brown will be able fully to satisfye you, We doe in that respect think fitt to recommend him to you to be entertained in that quality if there happen to be any vacancy by the death or removall of any of our Chaplains

* This item is scored out in the original.

formerly sent out but not otherwise, In the discharge of which employment We doubt not but he will acquit himselfe to your Satisfaction. We remaine

Yr Loving Friends

John Bancks Govr.	C. Bancks.
Jeremy Sambrook Deptv:	Tho: Cooke.
Josa Child.	Wm: Sedgwicke.
John Moore.	Chris: Boone.
Thomas Dava'll.	Tho: Canham.
Peter Daniel.	Jam: Ward.
Wm: Jarrett.	Henry Serle.
Edward Rudge.	John du bois

[*Endorsed:*] Honble Compas: Genll: to the ffort dated the 31st May 1683—recd from Bengall the 30th June 1684.

Our President, Agents, & Chiefs & Councells, in all parts of India. London.

With this you have Copies of all our former Letters to you overland, which we confirme, and in regard wee apprehend reason for keepeing the Designe of our ffleete of Ships now outward bound for India with the Sloopes attending them, Secret for sometime; wee doe hereby order you, unto whose hands these shall come, to followe all Such Instrucc̃ons & direcc̃ons as you Shall receive from Sr John Banks Governor Sr Jeremy Sambrooke Deputy Governor, Sr Josia Child & Mr Joseph Herne, or any three of them, as fully & effectually as you ought to doe any other order of the Governor. Deputy or Comtees in generall. Soe wee rest

All such orders as come firmed from Sr. Jno. Banks Sr. Jere Sambrooke Sr. Josia Child and Mr. Joseph Herne to be observed.

Yor Loveing friends

John Banks Govr.	John du Bois.
Jeremy Sambrooke Deptv.	Tho: Cooke.
Joseph Ashe.	Henry Serle.
Josa Child.	Jo: Creed.
Ja: Edwards.	C. Banks.
John Moore.	Edward Rudge.
Peter Daniel.	Joseph Herne.
Jam: Ward.	Fran Tyssen.
Wm: Sedgwicke.	Ri. Hutchinson.
Wm: Jarrett.	Tho: Canham.

Presidt. Agente &c.

[*Endorsed:*] Our President Agt & Councills in all Parts of India—recd the 5th July 1684 ℔ Amoy Merchts.—Entred ℔ R.B.

List of the Compas Pacquett ℔ the Royall James.

No. 1. Compas Generall to their President, Chiefs and Councells in all parts of India, datd. 9th Octobr 83.
2. Copies Compas Gen'ralls to Fort St George Overland, dat. the 20th July 14th Augt. 5th Septembr.
3. Compas General to the Fort dat 19th Octobr 1683.
4. Letters and Instrucc̃ons design'd for the Bantam Expedic̃on.
5. Charterparty of the Royal James.
6. 2 Invoices, Ditto.
7. 2 Bills of Lading, Ditto.
8. List of goods to be provided at the Fort.
9. List of ships design'd this year for India.
10. List of Factors and Writers.
11. Copie of the Companies New Charter.
12. Bundle of Patterns.
13. Return'd Portuguez & Dutch Papers.

[*Endorsed:*] List of the Pacquet by the Royall James—Recd: ye. 3 June 1684:

OUR PRESIDENT AGENT & COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL. LONDON. 5TH MARCH 1683/4.

1. With this, Wee send you y^e^ Copy of our last long Letter by the Resolucon, and the rather because Wee observe their were several erro^s^: in transcribing it, by y^e^ negligence or Youth, of our Clerks in y^e^ Secretaries Office, which in y^e^ Copy now sent Wee have corrected.

2. The more Wee think of it, the more advantage Wee apprehend in having a fortifyed Settlem^t^: for y^e^ residence, of our Agent and Councill of y^e^ Bay, in such a place as Our great Ships may lye w^th^in Comand of y^e^ Guns of our ffort & where Wee may have ground enough to cultivate for y^e^ sustenance of such a body of People, as Wee have at ffort S^t^ George, and in our Citty of Madrass, that Wee might in time create as good a revenue from thence as the Dutch make of Batavia, which Wee have had occasion often to mencon to Our President & Councill of y^e^ Fort, & should have had great fruit thereof, by this time, but that being upon y^e^ Maine, they are to much Subject to y^e^ insolences of Lingapa, y^e^ King of Gulcondah's Gov^r^: of that province, and doe labour under another great inconvenience Viz^t^ the want of a Harbour or Road for shipping in both Monsoons, which ought to be carefully provided for, in o^r^ next settlem^t^.

3. If you could obtaine a Phirmaund for y^e^ perpetuall inheritance of such a place, Wee should not think much of your giving 20 or 30,000 Rupees for the obtaining of it, nor of y^e^ charge of building a ffort to defend it, while Our President and great Shipping are there, not doubting but that our Charter & this Comp^a^: is longer lived then y^e^ youngest of our Grand children, notwithstanding the infraccons that have lately been made upon it.

4. The great & unpresidented ffrost, which Wee have had in England this year, hath detained y^e^ Defence so long in the Ice at Gravesend that now Wee suppose, our three Bay Ships, shall Saile directly for y^e^ Bay altogether, and by them Wee design, to send you a Stocke of £ 1,00,000.

5. The Chyrurgeons Chest's & other necessaries on board y^e^ Defence intended for y^e^ ffort, you may send up thither by y^e^ first Ships.

6. The evener sorting of your Mullmulls, Cossaes, Tanjebs, mencon'd in y^e^ last Paragraph of o^r^ former Lett^r^, is a most desirable thing and better to be effected, that way, then not at all; But if Our President during his stay in y^e^ Bay, can bring all o^r^ ffactories there and make our contracts by numbred Musters with Societies of Merchants, after the method of y^e^ ffort, Wee conceive such a regulacon much clearer, certainer & better for our Service, that [than ?] reducing the severall sorts unto an averidge or medium, as is directed in our former Letter.

7. By Societies of Merchants, if they can be contrived and brought into use, in y^e^ Bay Wee promise our selves y^e^ following advantages [w^ch^] Wee have not yet arrived at, under that Agency.

1^st^: That Wee shall never hereafter make any bad Debts.

2^dly^: That wee shall not need to be continually & fruitlessly calling upon you to clear our Warehouses, and to put off all our old remains because you may agree, the imposing them upon our black Merch^ts^: yearly at y^e^ first making of our contracts with them, as is done at the ffort.

3^ly^. In such a year as this, when by any accident as now by the ffrost y^e^ greatest part of our Stock happens to arrive late with you such Societies of Merchants, if they be any thing rich, may be providing goods beforehand, with their owne joynt Stock, as they may likewise be, at all other times, in y^e^ absence of our Shipping.

8. The method of sorting at y^e^ ffort, as well as y^e^ faithfull performance of it lately, deserves our highest Comendacons, y^e^ same method and fidelity Wee hope our President, will reduce, all our ffactories of y^e^ Bay into and remove those, he shall find slothfull negligent or unfaithfull.

9. M^r^ Edmond Bugden was some years since dismissed our service and wee are not now Solicited by any of his friends for his restauracon, but in regard he hath

made an honest shift to gaine a lively-hood, and hath had time to repent, of what was formerly amiss, as also because, his experience must needs be considerable & that Wee have not heard, he ever did, while he was out of our service co-operate with Interlopers to Our Prejudice, for these reasons, if Our President & Agent Beard and Councill think him fitt, to be trusted Wee shall consent to his resettlem^{t}: in our Service, in such place, as our President and Councill shall think he may be most usefull to Us.

10. The severall English that are in y^{e} Bay trading without our licence doe you seize their persons and effects, except they will be content to live as housekeep^{rs}: and ffree Merchants at ffort S^{t}: George or Bombay ffor wee will allow of no English to reside in India, out of our service Except within y^{e} Verge of our owne Garrison And if you should [apprehend] it an easier matter, to seize our [their *in the duplicate*] effects, then their persons, In such case seize all the effects you can belonging to any English out of our Service, & send Inventories, and due attestac̃on thereof to ffort S^{t}: George or Bombay, where Wee would have our President cause process to be made against them, as the goods of English trading into India, without our licence before that Court, which is erected there by vertue of his Ma^{ts}: new Charter, to be proceeded against, as therein is directed. The fforfeitures being one half to His Majesty & y^{e} other half to y^{e} Comp^{a}: Of which said fforfeitures, you are to keepe a just acco^{t}:

11. Besides which you may otherwise spoile their trading in y^{e} Country by giving notice, to all Gov^{rs} That they are Persons out of y^{e} Comp^{as}: protection; and are not to enjoy any of their Priviledges.

12. The method hitherto directed you, for keeping our servants to their duty, and to that diligence, that all men ought to use that eat our bread, hath been hitherto onely turning them out of o^{r}: service, and sending them home; besides which y^{e} Dutch have other methods, and such as are in many cases better, especially for small offences & for persons not wholly incorrigible, such as fining them by y^{e} Chief & Councill to y^{e} Comp^{a}:, sometimes a weekes pay sometimes a month, & sometimes three months pay, according to y^{e} nature of y^{e} offence or neglect. The Rule being known & published aforehand, that all persons may know y^{e} fault, & y^{e} penalty before they comitt it, of these things pray consider and establish such Rules pro tempore, as you shall think most requisite for our Service sending Transcripts of them to Us for our confirmac̃on.

13. The Dutch have likewise another way in case of offences which they apprehend deserve not a totall expulc̃on and are too bigg to be atoned by a small fine; which is by degrading y^{e} party from y^{e} Sallary and place of a Councillour to y^{e} place of a Senior Merchant or from a Senior Merchant to a ffactor, or from a ffactor to a Writer, untill the Company in Europe, think fitt upon the parties amendment and repentance, to restore him to his former degree and Sallary again by meanes whereof, they alwayes keepe experienced men in India, and are not so frequently put to y^{e} trouble, of sending out fresh and raw men, as Wee have been, Of this likewise, Wee would have you seriously to consider and doe what you think best, for the present, advising Us your opinions, what you think is fittest, for Us to doe, and order herein for the future.

14. Most certaine it is, Our ffactors in y^{e} Bay have been for a long time very negligent and unfaithfull to such a degree that they are, not to be reduced to y^{e} good order regularity and Justice of the ffort, by any com̃on remedies.

15. Our favour intended M^{r}: Hedges, in our former Letter, is onely, in respect to S^{r}. Jeremy Sambrooke, not [in the least to M^{r}] Hedges himself, whose evill deportment and carriag [e] in opening or detaining the Gov^{rs}: Letter; was such as [renders him] not deserving y^{e} least kindness from Us, however if he [behaves] himself civilly, without Interrupting or prejudicing [our busïness] openly or secretly you may lett him have a fair exit, [as we then] writt you.

16. But before he comes away compell him to pay into [our Cash] what ever he owes Us, or may have defrauded Us of; that [you can] have just proof of,

and to give not either to him or any other persons licence to bring home any kind of prohibited goods in any of our Ships.

17. Wee are every day more resolved to prosecute y^e^ improvem^t^: of S^t^. Helena by Sugar works, Indigo, Cotton, Saltpetre, and many other wayes which cannot be effected without slaves & therefore Wee must inculcate our former orders to you, to send us by every Ship, either from y^e^ Coast or Bay 6; 8 or 10 and more when they are cheap fewer when they are dear, you need not send with them much more Rice, then will serve for their ffood in their passage, because Wee have found out a much cheaper way to sustaine them at S^t^. Helena than by paying o^r^ Comanders ten pound a ton freight for Rice, however order every Comander to deliver to our Gov^r^. & Councill, all y^e^ remainder of Rice which you lay in for our Slaves, which they doe not eat in their Voyage.

18. Among y^e^ Slaves you send, lett some of them, if you can be such as speake a little English, and some that have been used, in Sugar Works and Saltpetre works, or in planting Indigo, Cassador or Cotton wool, and if you meet with any such, discribe them so to the Gov^r^: & Councill, as he may know them; when they arrive at S^t^. Helena, or if you can, meet with any used with making Earthen ware Sugar moulds; or Jarrs, Smiths or Carpenters, they will be worth, your giving double rate for them in India.

19. Forgett not to send Cotton and Indigo seeds, Male Cloves a handfull, if you can gett them, from any Dutch Skipper; first putting into boxes or potts of Earth, & keeping them duly watered, untill they Sprout, & if they sprout, before you Ship y^e^ potts or boxes make a Cage of Wyer over y^m^ to preserve them from y^e^ Ratts & give y^e^ Cap^t^: a great charge concerning them, for that such young plants may be of inestimable value to y^e^ Kingdom y^e^ nature of clove trees [being] to grow upon high land, such as S^t^ Helena is, & in much about y^e^ same latitude.

20. M^r^. Charnock having lived long at Pattana Wee desire him to send to o^r^ Gov^r^. and Councill at S^t^. Helena, a large and particular discription of y^e^ manner of making Saltpetre there, and of every thing that is requisite thereunto, and that he send Us a Copy thereof and if it be possible that he would hire one or two men that speake a little English, and know y^e^ whole process and way of making Saltpetre at Pattana, to goe to S^t^. Helena & teach our People y^e^ way of it besides y^e^ wages he agrees for, if this design takes effect at S^t^: Helena (where Wee know y^e^ Earth is proper) Wee will give y^e^ parties a very good reward, and their passage back to y^e^ Bay as soon as they shall desire it.

21. You may likewise send (so secure by Wyre) three or four young Plants of long Pepper, & if you can procure them a few plants of round Pepper or any thing els, you think fitt to propagate, which in truth Wee o^r^ selves, as well as o^r^ ffactors abroad, have wanted Zeal enough for hitherto, but are now quickned to these attempts by y^e^ late incroachm^ts^: of y^e^ Dutch at Bantam.

22. Wee are told by our intended overseer of our Sugarworks at S^t^. Helena that we shall want hard wood for some use about our Mills, which is not to be had here or there, wherefore Wee desire you to send Us by every great Ship one piece of 30 to 34 Inches diameter, and 35 or 40 feet long of such wood as is used for fixing y^e^ rowlers upon in Sugar Mills; what wood is most proper you will easily learn from those you buy your Sugar off, the thicker and longer the better.

23. The 9^th^ instant arrived in the Downs the Persia Merchant from Surrat She was in Company with the President from Surr^t^ and the Surrat Merchant from Batavia, and Sillebar 100 leagues to the W. Ward of y^e^ lands end the 12^r^ Decemb^r^. last, but by a violent storm they were parted and drove back to the W. Ward Since which we have an acco^t^: that the President Cap^t^. Jonathan Hide in making y^e^ Channell in y^e^ night time by a violent storm was cast away on y^e^ Rocks of Holston in Mounts Bay in Cornwall on y^e^ 11^th^ Instant, all her men saving two being drowned and most of her Cargo we fear also is lost, if not all of it, tho' all means possible is used to see what can be saved thereof, the Surrat Merchant is not yet arrived but dayly expected.

24. Let noe part of our Tonnage upon any of our Ships hereafter goe up dead freighted to the ffort but contrive y^e^ filling up our whole Tonnage upon every Ship you send thither with Petre or Turmerick bolts of sail cloth and Canvas for stores to ly by there or else with Paddy Rice Rack Butter Oyle Timber or boards that you know will turn us best to acco^t^. at y^e^ ffort Our intent being to make that place a Magazine from whence you may be ready to dispatch a Ship upon any sudden occasion.

25. Wee have mentioned timber and boar[ds because we] know those commodities are always want [ed in such a] growing town as Madrass and are dear [there, whereas] they must of necessity be both extream [cheap in y^e^ Bay, And] we reckon the freight from the Bay to y^e^ [ffort will cost us] nothing especially in such room in any of our [ships, y^t^ :] would otherwise go up empty.

26. Our President knowes best what sort of Boards [& Timber] are most usefull and vendible at y^e^ ffort and may if he thinks this notion will do us any good while he is in y^e^ Bay make a contract with fitting persons to have alwayes ready such a store in y^e^ most proper place for easy embarqueation in y^e^ Bay as that a sufficient quantity may be put on board any Ship in two or three dayes time.

27. Your prudence must govern you in leaving rooms for stowage of any goods you shall order to be taken in by any Ship going to y^e^ ffort upon y^e^ Coast of Gingerlee or at Madapollam or Metchlepatam.

28. It will bee convenient that about half of the Blacks you send to S^t^ Helena should be ffemales because those people do not live contentedly without wives.

29. Notwithstanding what we writt in y^e^ former clauses N^o^ 15 and 16 about M^r^. Hedges yet we do hereby confirme our former order in our Letter sent by y^e^ Resolution according to our order of Court of 21 Decem^br^ last whereby he hath leave either at y^e^ Bay or y^e^ ffort this year or when he shall come home to pay into our Cash what mony he will taking Our President or Agent and Councills bill of Exch^e^. upon us for the same which we shall accept and punctually pay according to our said Order of Court.

30. M^r^. Sam^ll^. Griffith that we intended for Syam before this setlement in his station of our Bay Councill We have now directed to proceede immediately for the Bay y^e^ late wonderfull frost having retarded that Ship too long to adventure for Syam.

31. We have for y^e^ incouragem^t^ of your selves and y^e^ rest of our ffactors in India made our Order and published it. That what Bullion goods or Merchandizes shall be sent out by any of the Adventurers is to be consigned to our Presidents Agents or ffactors or some of them in India [&] to no others and that the Investments thereof are to be made by our said Presidents Agents and ffactors & to be returned to England on y^e^ Comp^as^. Shipping & no other.

32. And finding that some of our Ships laden by you do greatly break in their Tonnage for want of an equall distribution of fine and gruff Goods to be put on board them, by which also the Owners fall much Short of their accustomed freights, Wee do hereby desire and enjoyne you that when two or more of our Ships are together in port taking in goods you will be carefull that they may have a just proportion both of fine and gruff goods alotted them according to their Tonnage, but where you shall think to dispeed an early Ship to us alone in such case we would have you lade as many fine goods on her as conveniently you can, which may turn us to best advantage.

33. Upon further thoughts of the 10^th^ paragraph touching the English not in our service, and trading without our licence, we would have you send none of them home this year if they wil be content to live as free Merch^ts^ in either of o^r^ Garisons, either at Fort S^t^ George or Bombay And if any refuse this our kindness, give us the names of all such as are refractory by the first opportunity, and you shall have o^r^ further order.

34. We have freighted y^e^ John & Mary Joshua Woodland Comand^r^ burthen 150^ts^ & sent her directly to y^e^ Fort, with y^e^ medicins & necessaries provided for y^t^ place. And from thence she is to sail directly for y^e^ Bay, to be disposed of for o^r^ service as you shall think fit; She being obliged as you will find by Chrēparty, to serve Us 18 M^os^ in y^e^ Country; We conceiving she may be a proper Ship for lading of Sugars for Persia.

35. Besides, the Factors & Writers sent you by the Resolution, we have further elected y^e^ persons foll^o^, to serve us at y^e^ Fort & Bay, w^ch^ will take their passage on y^e^ 3 Ships now designed to you, viz^t^ the Defence, Eagle, & Syam Merch^t^.

M^r^ Sam^ll^ Griffith. } of Council in
M^r^ Edw: Oxborough. } the Bay.

FACTORS.
M^r^ Cholmley Stephens.
M^r^ John Baxter.
M^r^ John Hannum.
M^r^ John Hill.
M^r^ John Pitt.

WRITERS.
Willm̄ Phillips.
Willm̄ Marshall—Fort.
Sam^ll^ Stancliff.
Rich: Farmer.
Edward Hill.
Benjamin Planner.

36. Since y^e^ sending of o^r^ Comission for constituting o^r^ [Council in y^e^] Bay; We find upon exāiacon, That M^r^ Sam^ll^ Griffith went [out in time] before M^r^ Rich: Trenchfield, at y^e^ salary of 30 £ a year at [first whereas] M^r^ Trenchfield went out but a Writer; And therefore to doe [M^r^ Gryffith] right, he must have y^e^ precedency in Council before M^r^ Trenchfield; [which] we doe accordingly order; Notwithstanding any thing in our Comission aforesaid. We remain

Your loving ffriends
JOHN BANKS Gov^r^.
BERKELEY JA: EDWARD.
JOSEPH ASHE.
W^M^ JARRETT.
W^M^ SEDGWICKE.
JOHN DU BOIS.
PETER DANIEL.
RI. HUTCHINSON.
C. BANKS.
JAM: WARD.
JOSEPH HERNE.
THO^S^ COOKE.
HENRY SERLE.

P.S.—The friends of Robert Shermar have given us addicōnall security for the faithfull discharge of his trust of which we think fitt to give y^u^ notice.

We understand, y^t^ the Natives in spinning Floretta Yarn & Cotton yarn, doe wynd it off from 3 or 4 bobbins together whereas we would have it reeled off singly from every bobbin apart, in regard our Weavers here cannot wynd y^e^ same without very much trouble. We therefore desire you will give punctual direcōns therein accordingly. And let none of it be cross reeled: and by this means that comodity may advance in its price, which now it will not doe.

OUR PRESIDENT, AGENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^t^. GEORGE. LONDON, 18 APRIL 1684.

It hath pleased God to arrive in Safety to Us the ship Kempthorne and having an opportunity by the Eagle being beaten back into Plimouth We thought Fitt to advise you thereof.

We cannot as yet fully answer Our Presidents letter from the ffort by the Kempthorne, onely we would not omitt any occasion to comend you for your great care and diligence God in preventing the Interloprs Ships all along yo^r^ Coast and hope they will find the same disapointment by Our Servants in the Bay.

We can assure you of his Majesties great kindnes to Us, being resolved not to permitt any Interlopers to goe out from hence, where We have the least Suspicon of their being So intended, and for Security thereof requiring Such Ships to give Security into his high Court of Admiralty, that they Shall not proceed within the limitts of our Charter. However We are informed that one or two Ships having given us the Ship, by entring themselves to Ostend &c were gone away from thence, before his Ma^ties^ Man of Warr, that was Sent over to fetch them back could reach them, and therefore require your diligence in looking after them So as to prevent their designe.

We do intend to Send you two early Ships with a good Stock to be going from hence the latter end of September or begining of October, Intending them for Porta Nova there to await Our Agents order in preventing of the Interlopers, and that one of them after his order rec^d^. Should proceed unto the ffort, and So down into the Bay of which We shall further advise you hereafter.

So comending You and Our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty We remain

Your loving ffriends
JOHN BANKS G^ovr^.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep^ty^.
JOHN MOORE. JA. EDWARD.
WM. JARRETT.
THO COOKE.
EDWARD RUDGE.
JOHN DU BOIS. C. BANKS.
JOSEPH HERNE. W^M^. SEDGWICKE.

[*Endorsed:*].—Companies Generall to Fort S^t^. George of 18^th^ Aprill 1684—Received the 5^th^ Feb^ry^ 1684/5—Entred P^r^. S. O.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT S^t^. GEORGE. LONDON, THE 2^d^. OF JULY 1684.

We are now to answer yo^rs^ of 6^th^ September & 8^th^ of October 1683 the former: rec.^d^ by the Kempthorne that arrived with us the 5^th^. Aprill the latter by the new London that arrived the 12^th^. of May last Since which hath arrived with Us the Prudent Mary from Bengall in 5^r^ moneths and the Berkly Castle in 6 moneths from Surrat, for which God be praised.

2. We Shall endeavour to gett the King of Denmarks order to the Governor of Trincombar as you desire.

3. You will do very well to pursue (as soon as you can attain it reasonably) not onely a Phirmaund for the coyning of Rupees &c but also (Since Madrass growes So numerous) Some further enlargment of your bounds in land about our ffort and town of Madrass and if y^u^ can the inheritance of S^t^. Omay and the Precints thereof at a certain annuall rent, that you may not onely prevent the growth of that place, but raise a revenue to the Company out of it, that may in time much Surmount the rent you Shall pay to the King.

4. We observe you have disposed of all our Europe goods in which & in all your assiduous faithfull proceedings against the Interlopers you have obliged us to have aswell a great esteem of yo^r^ abilities as of your integrity.

5. We are not now So much concerned ffor a ffort in the Gingee Country as we were when we gave you that order, because We hope the Interlopers will in a

little more time be Suppressed here but we are more than formerly desirous of a ffort and Small Territory to it at or near Atcheen or in Some other place where we may have a pepper trade, and hope to induce Some Chineeses to inhabitt under our government as they do under the Dutch at Batavia.

6. We are likewise very much concerned for a ffort & Territory in the Bay by which we may Secure the trade of that place or Some good Share of it, in case of any future breach with the Mogulls Governors or the Dutch about which We wrote y^{u} very largely last year.

7. We observe your request for M^{r} Scarlett & do condiscend to it not knowing how to deny any thing in reason to you who have deserved So very well of Us.

8. M^{r}. ffield you may permitt to reside in Madrass as a ffree Merch^{t}. at his owne charge and to trade for himself but We cannot trust him again in our Service, till we see him of better behaviour, for besides his first fault (which was insolently Sending a Ship to Persia consigned to a native & not to our Agent or any of Our Councill) nothing was well or honestly done at Madapollam while he was Chief there and therefore we must desire you not to interceede further with us on his behalf untill you have Seen his behaviour out of our Service at least two or three yeares.

9. We have been Shamefully abused by most of our Servants that were lately at Bantam & Batavia and therefore Shall not consent to have M^{r} Styleman imployed in our Service untill upon full examinacon, We Shall discover who were the vile and who y^{e} honest among them, altho' in generall the Sloth injustice & prodigality of that factory was so excessive, that it was enough to Spoyle any well minded young man that came among them, but M^{r} Stileman may remain at Madrass as a free Merchant and improve his own estate by voyaging to the South Seas or elsewhere according to y^{e} Companies great Indulgence.

10. We approve of the method you have taken for the procurem^{t}. of Pegu Sticklac, praying you to contrive all Such affairs wth. that frugality and consideration for the Company as that they may reap Some benefitt by them towards their vast charge abroad and at home, for the preservacon of the Companies which is in truth the nations interest.

11. Our last yeares letters informs you of the Strange concurrence of accidents that made our Ships So late and our Stock So short the former year.

12. We take notice how our Priviledges have been encroacht upon by the Moors Governors and what you advise as the ultimum remedium, viz^{t}. making them sensible of Our power which we would not have exerted but in case of absolute necessity, and when you are very well stored and provided ag^{t}. all accidents, in which case we leave it to you to do what y^{u} Shall upon mature deliberation find unavoidably necessary for the vindicacon of our just rights, but if you Should be entred into any contest with the Mogulls Governors in the Bay, concerning our priviledges in that place, we must enjoyne you to tide it out and hold a fair correspondence with the King of Gulcondah's Ministers untill the controversy in the Bay be brought to a good issue.

13. That Hemp and Spun hemp you have Sent us can never pay freight, but if you can gett it made into Hollands duck Canvas not to Stand us there in above Six pence per yard, close Struck and half ell wide, it may perhaps pay us freight and our own money again and be a means of Some increase to y^{e} English navigacon.

14. We meet with some aversion in our Comanders to go from hence in July or August pretending they Shalbe much obstructed and their Seamen Sickly by reason of calmes at that season, But however we Shall oblige our first Ships to be in the Downs by the first of September, of which more hereafter when We have gone through answering your letters.

15. To the reasons you give for withdrawing Metchlepatam factory We may add another viz^{t}. That that hath alwaies been an extravagantly expensive

place, and therefore upon mature consideraõn of all conveniences & inconveniences do what you Shall judge best for our Service therein.

16. Of the Pegu Sticklac, course Tappees & blew Camisaes We can give you no certain opinion till after our sale.

17. We writt you last year to permitt the Jewes to reside at y^e^ ffort and we Say the like now of M^r^ Halst they behaving themselves to your Satisfaccõn but nothing of any value Shall go consigned by our Ships to any of them or any other free merchant, but to our Agent or Some of our Councill, which We hope may prevent their Spoyling our diamond trade, Our resolutions being to continue our endeavours to make your place the mart for that comodity In order where unto we would have you make Such generall rules and orders as you Shall apprehend most conducing to that end, and y^e^ removing of all obstruccõns that may impede So good a worke.

18. Now we have briefly answered the materiall paragraphs of yo^r^ two letters aforesaid We Shall tell you We have freighted the Kempthorne to be in the Downs by the first of September for your place & the Bay, and the Persia Merchant directly for the Bay, the Dragon for Tonqueen, The London & Prudent Mary for Surrat, all which Ships we hope may Sail out of the Downs w^th^. good Stocks to all Said places in September, We have not yet determined of y^e^ remainder of our fleet nor unto what places they Shall goe untill the arrivall of more of them, but as they do arrive We Shall hasten them out again as soon as they can be gott ready, & you Shall have advice of their particular designments.

19. We having now as you know putt all our factories in the South Seas under a Subordinacõn to your Presidency, it is necessary that we Should acquaint you that we Shall order the Dragon to Stop at Atcheen to take in there what pepper or Rattans our Chief & ffactors there can of a sudden get ready to putt on board of her about which do you in the meantime give the necessary orders if this comes to your hands in time, as also for about the value of 3,000 £ in Long cloth and other goods procureable at the ffort or at Atcheen Such as our President shall think may turn us best to acco^t^. there where he lived many yeares.

20. The Said Ship Dragon We Shall order to return from Tonqueene directly home to us Stopping onely so many dayes at Atcheen as to make her a full Ship with pepper or Such other coast or Bay goods Pegu Sticklac or any other comodity proper for Europe that you Shall provide and have in readiness for her to take in.

21. It must be your great care and the care of our Chief & Councill at Atcheen to See that none of our servants do putt any goods on board our Said Ship Dragon to go from Atcheen to Tonqueen or from Tonqueen back, but what Shall justly pay us the full freight of the Countrey which wee take to be 18£. per cent on fine and bale goods; and one third part, or pepper or other gruff goods.

22. The want of care & honesty in this particular in our late Agent and Councill at Bantam, was that which eat up all the profitts of our northerne factories Subordinate to that Agency and indeed had quite wearied us out of them, but that we were loath to give up Such profitable trades to the nation intirely to the Dutch, while we could hold them, tho' with constant loss to the Company. But now we have placed them under yo^r^ vigilant care We Shall hope to see them gett roots & prosper to the Companies as well as the Kingdoms advantage.

23. We Send you with this a Copy of our last letter from Tywan with our answer to it, by which you will see the reason of our not Sending a ship from hence thither this year, and why we have appointed you to send a small vessell thither from the ffort, Which we would have you to effect for us in the best manner you can and with a Small Cargo of 5 or 6,000 pounds value in Pepper, woollen manufactures, Sandall wood, Dollars, and any other thing that our President Shall think may turn us to accompt.

24. If this letter come to your hands time enough and you have hopes of pepper at Atcheen the Small vessell you Send to Tywan may Stopp at Atcheen to

fill up with pepper there, and by her you may Send Such Callico and other goods as you Shall think fitt for the Dragon to take in there for Atcheen Tonqueen.

25. Send by her likewise one of the youngest of our Writers that we may maintain a Succession of persons to be acquainted wth the language and people of that place.

26. If ever there should be a peace between Coxhams posterity and the Emperour of China, that place may prove a great mart of trade and if the Chineeses can possibly be induced to reside Some of them at ffort S^{t}. George, We hope their numbers would Soon increase there to the great inriching of that place.

27. The Ship or vessel you send thither on this first occasion wee would have to be as near as you can of 80 to 100^{ts} if y^{u} can freight Such a one by the moneth, or by the ton, or when not, you must for this tyme make use of one of our strongest and biggest Sloops that you shall conceive fittest to performe this voyage.

28. And against the next year build for us at Madapollam a strong Pink or burdensome dogger of about 120 or 130 tons purposely for this trade, in bargaining for w^{ch}, imploy Such persons at Madapollam, as may prevent those cheats M^{r} Bigrig discoūd & in building of our last Sloops there.

29. This building at Madapollam if you can have wel'conditioned strong vessells made and fitted there, We conceive is much cheaper to us then building and Sending Small Ships from hence, and yett if you can freight any Such Strong vessells belonging to our Servants or Inhabitants of Madrass by the moneth according to our rule of demorage little more or less, We Shall esteem that the best husbandry of all, because woefull experience at Bantam formerly hath convinced us that private persons can or will maintayne ships in India much cheaper then the Comp^{a}.

30. And that you may be alwaies furnished with Store of Small Ships and vessells belonging to our towne of Madrass, and Our Revenue thereby increased, We would have you give encouragm^{t} to all builders and owners of Ships whether they be Portugueez Gentues, or any other Inhabitants of our Said Towne.

31. We apprehend our President upon his returne from y^{e}. Bay will bring with him to the ffort vast quantityes of woollen manufactures and therefore Shall Send you few this year and the more Bullion, Supposing that you may furnish the Tywan Cargo out of what you will have from the Bay, and have a great overplus of Colours proper for China, and if it Should prove So you may Send by the Dragon from Atcheen to Tonqueen those few woollen manufactures desired by our Chief & ffactors there according to their letter rec^{d}. by Cap^{t}. Knox, of which We now Send you a Copy with a short letter of our Own to them.

32. As we have formerly desired our President to bring up with him to the ffort all our remains of woollen manufactures in the Bay, w^{ch} Shalbe unsold in any ffactory there at his leaving the place, So Wee would have him bring up to the ffort, all our old gunns Shott & every thing else, whereof what will not sell at the ffort may be made use of upon our fortificaçons about Madrass, or where-ever you shall determine to build a fort for our pepper trade, which if you cannot obtain leave for at Atcheen, y^{u} must find out Some other Convenient place, for we being fully resolved to proceed with effect in procuring & establishing Such a fortified Settlement, w^{ch}. it had been well for this Nation, if had been done many yeares past.

33. If our President should not have brought with him from the Bay our full remains We would have you forthwith give order to o^{r} Agent and Councill there to Send up to you by our next Ships that come to y^{e} ffort whatever remains of Europe comodities they have unsold in any of our ffactories of Bengall of what kind Soever they bee.

34. Be very carefull in packing up all things you Send to Tywan and Tonqueen that no mistakes may be comitted therein as was by the Kent from Batavia.

35. We observe by the Sillabar papers y^{t}. came by the Kempthorne which we Suppose y^{u} have Seen, there is an Island near that place on which the Company had formerly a ffactory as is alledged by M^{r}: Crockford and M^{r}: Quick in their letter to us from Sillabar You may consider & advise as you have opportunity whether that be a fitt place for us to fortify upon, but if y^{u} Shall Setle upon any Island we would willingly the Company Should have the entire inheritance of it, as we have of S^{t}. Helena & Bombay, the lands whereof aswel as the trade & adventure we may hereafter improve.

36. Upon Strengthening our garrisons & fortificacons in all places we have established a duty at S^{t}. Helena & Bombay of one dollar for anchorage & one barrell of powder once in every voyage to be p^{d}. by every Ship that anchors & trades, watereth or refresheth in our roads aswell by our own Ships, as by any other Ship or vessell being of or exceeding 100^{ts} burden : w^{ch}. duty is p^{d}. at Bar [badoes] Jamaica, & in all places we know, where the English have fortificacons. Which duty we do hereby order to be paid the Comp^{a}. at ffort S^{t}. George by all Ships before you admitt them any trade or refreshment if they do not belong to the Company, and if they do belong to us, or are freighted by us, if any of the Comanders Shall refuse to comply with this just & triviall demand, towards our unmeasurable expence there, We would have you not onely discountenance Such refractory person, but return their names to us, and we Shall Satisfy our Selves here out of their freight before we pay them.

37. ffor fishing vessells & all other Small Ships under 100^{ts}. that have the benefitt of our Port & consequently of our great charge expended there, whether they be Natives or Europeans We Shall not now determine any certain rate for them to pay, but leave it to your discrecons to establish Such rules therein as you Shall judge most for our benefitt, consistent with yo^{r} own quiet, and least offensive to the Inhabitants of our town of Madrass, whom we would keep in good humor, altho' it is more than high time for us to begin to imitate by degrees & with greater moderation, that wisdome by w^{ch}. other Nations have established themselves So Strongly in India, to the hazard of the totall ruine of the English Interest in those parts of the world.

38. We observe what great Stores yo^{r} Master Gunner, Smith &c demand, and we Shall take care to have you very well provided with them, but must desire you at Some of your consultacons to take it often into your most Serious confideracon how you may prevent wast & imbezlem^{t}. of Such Stores; many great estates having leaked out at Such Small vents, and it requiring as much Skill & care to avoid Such kind of losses & abuses as in any affair under yo^{r} managem^{t}.

39. One way we would recomend to you is to appoint one of your Councill to make it his especiall busines with an honest assistant of ffactors degree to looke into & Supervise those Officers aforesaid constantly and to cause to be brought before you monethly or quarterly Inventoryes or Rests of all Such things, that you may observe in what order Such under affairs are managed, how our Stores are preserved, what just expence is made of them, what negligent or wilfull wast or imbezlement.

40. We have formerly wrote you that to the intent our Ships Should come up full from the Bay to you, y^{u} Should order Paddy & other provisions Saleable at the ffort to be putt on board them in the Bay, the like we now desire for long pepper according to what we have wrote Our Agent & Councill in the Bay, which goes open to you, it being our opinion, that Since 'tis but 3 dayes journey more from the ffort to Gulcondah then 'tis from Metchlepatam; We may afford y^{t}. comodity cheaper in that country than any others that must pay freight for it from the Bay.

41. We understand you have not onely strengthned our ffort & towne but beautified it with many fair structures, the charge whereof we can ill bear at this time, but in regard y^{u} have performed so well in all other respects, we will not blame y^{u} for what is done but desire you to find out methods to create a Revenue

(in imitacon of the Dutch) that may Support & increase them, keeping in your minds that good old adage Non minus est virtus quam quærere partatueri.

42. If the Queen of Atcheen will not grant you a Phirmaund, w^th^. competent priviledges to build a ffort where the old Portugal fort Stands or upon the flat point that comands both passages or Rivers to the town, we hope you have setled upon Some of those healthfull uninhabited Islands near the road of Atcheen, w^ch^: we may retain as the Companies inheritance by the best right pretended to by any people viz^t^ prime occupancy.

43. M^r^. Heath lately at Atcheen hath assured Some of us, y^t^. the Orancayes profered him, that if the Company would Settle a trade there, they Should have liberty to build and they would undertake to furnish us with 1500 or 2000^ts^. of pepper yearly Priaman and Some other places upon the west Coast depending on that government, as Syllabar, Lampoon, Pollumbam formerly did upon the King of Bantam.

44. The Settlement of that place We conceive to be of great concernment and may require the most mature Judgment to lay the foundacon of Such a Structure as may here after be built upon Such small beginings, and therefore Seeing We cannot Spare our President nor M^r^. Bigrig from those great affairs that are now under their respective managements, and that M^r^. Lucas is Setled Chief of Madapollam, We would have you Send M^r^ Elihu Yale as Chief to adjust all agreem^ts^. necessary with the Q: of Atcheen, and to lay the foundacon of our new habitacon, defence and busines there which we hope in time may become as considerable and formidable as any place, this Comp^a^. hath in India. And when he goes it may be materiall for you to give him a Transcript of those papers formerly Sent you, w^ch^. were intended as direccons for a Setlement upon Hippins Island from whence he may gather Some particular that may be of use in what we now purpose at or near Atcheen.

45. M^r^. Heath tells us that there are some Syamers & Chineses that do inhabitt at Atcheen, possibly M^r^. Yale may find meanes when he is there to perswade Some of the latter to trade & reside with you at Fort S^t^. George, of whom, if y^u^ had any considerable number they would in probability greatly increase the trade of Madrass, as 'tis known they have been the making of Batavia. They are excellent well acquainted with all y^e^. Crooks & Small places in the Island of Sumatra and the South Seas, and if they were Setled with you would in yo^r^. Sloops and other Small Crafts find means to procure great quantityes of pepper, and the best Sort of Cassia Lignum if the Dutch had twice as many forts & factories as they have in those parts.

46. We understand by Cap^t^.Lake that Dcor Douglas hath sent a Small Shipp into those parts for pepper. It must be o^r^ presidents and Agent Beards care, that Such pepper as Shalbe So brought into any place, where We have ffactories & dear bought Priviledges, those comodities proper for Europe, that Shall be traded for by English ffreemen, be Sold to the Comp^a^; or at least that the Company have the proffer of pre-Emption, though we would have you give Such persons a good price for their encouragement, and Such a good price We compute, four pence ℔ lb may be; Pepper being now to be bought in those parts at Eight dollars ℔ Bahar as we are informed.

47. When these letters were almost ready to be sent forward arrived the Welfare and kent, for which God be praised, and finding the Gulcondahs Governor encroach So much upon you we find our Selves the more concerned for a ffort in the Gingey Countrey, being resolved to defend our priviledges in all places, and now we Shall write our President & Councill at Surrat, who Suppose are very fair with Sombagee, by reason of Sombagee's warr with the Portugueez, to press him to give you a speedy & favourable dispatch in that your demand of liberty to build a ffort in his Country with ample priviledges.

48. We shall send you Some more Souldiers by our first Ships, and if Lingapa or any other Governor think any more of putting you under a Customer, or say you raise a great revenue, you may tell them, that first, We compute that place

hath cost the Compª. 300,000 pounds Sterl; when they will reimburse the Company that Sume, You will move us to accept of it, and give them the ffort and towne, and to remove your Selves into the Gingee Country.

49. We admire you should give the least Credit to the Dutch or Interlopers Rumors which are alwayes artificiall. Wee have not else to add, But comending you and Our affairs to the guidance and protecc̃on of the Almighty We remain

our Loving ffriends

JOSEPH ASHE Governr
JOSA CHILD Deptv.
JOHN DU BOIS.
WM: TURNER.
JOHN MOORE.
JOSEPH HERNE.
EDWD BOUVERIE.
PETER DANIEL.
THOS COOKE.
THO: CANHAM.
HENRY SERLE.
THOMAS DAVALL.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to Fort St George dated 2d. July 1684—Overland recd the 9th July 1685—Originall recd. Via Suratt—ENTERED ℔ S: H.

AT A COURT OF COMMITTEES HOLDEN 21ST JANUARY 168⅘.

Mr Alphonso Rodrigues & Alvaro D'Costa moving the Court for liberty to export Corral Beads for India: On consideracon thereof had, It is ordered, That permission be granted to them & all other Merchants, to export on the Companies' Ships for India, such quantities of Corral Beads as they shall think fit, paying Ten ℔ Cent permission for the same according as they are valued in their Invoice: So as upon their arrival of the said Beads at Suratt or the Fort, the Compas Presidts. & Councils there respectively, may have the same for the Compas use, upon paymt unto them or their order, the full cost & value of the said Corral beads menc̃oned in their Invoice, with Ten ℔ Cent advance for the same; As also the ℔mission of Ten ℔ Ct. which the Compa have received here before their Shipping: which mony is to be paid by the Presidt & Council in Dollars at the rate of 5s: 4d: ℔ Ounce.

Vera Copia ex Ro BLACKBOURNE
Secv.

[*Endorsed*:] Recd: ye 11 August 1685.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT HUGHLEY — LONDON THE 2D. JULY 1684.

We find litle to answer in the imperfect letter wee had from our late Agent Hedges &ca. by the Prudent Mary, but that you give us no accompt how our Stock was disposed, nor how, when, or to which of our ffactories you have proportionably sent it, which are great things, and so essentiall for us to know, and for you to follow our orders in, that whosoever in the head of our busyness there, shall faile in, we cannot reasonablely hope to have any good of their management in any thing else.

2. And therefore we doe the less, wonder that the Interlopers found such quiett admition to trade in the Bay, though they were the same persons that were bafled before in all places upon the Coast of Chormandell and in the Gingee Country.

3. Neither for the like cause, do we wonder that our Antient experienced Servants in the Bay have bin so discouraged, and such a raw unexperienced youth as Mr Johnson made Sorter of Hughly, but of these things no more at present till we see Mr Hedges, who we hope may be comeing to us, before this reacheth your hands.

4. We hope now to see the Bay flourish, and that Righteousness and truth to the Company shall prevaile against Artifice, private interest, and the old faction that have so long deceived the Company but their Dusticks and Dustores, and other notorious abuses, to our excessive loss, and the hazard of the loss of the best trade of this Kingdome.

5. And that all those factions which have so long molested our affairs, may be att a full end, we confirm our Comission to our late President Agent and Councill, none of which we will have suspended, or removed out of the Stations wherein we lately put them, but by our selves. And if it be not done already, we do hereby restore M^r^ Ellis and M^r^ Watson, not approving the manner of their suspencon; which we understand to be, in effect, by M^r^ Hedges himself. Neither do we like the design of displaceing them at that time, which looks more like a purpose of engrossing the disposall of all the Comp^as^. Stock by a few persons, that gave us such ill proof of themselves the first year of their arrivall, by opening and stopping the Governors letters; that he must be very dark sighted that could not foresee all would be worse the next year.

6. We doe likewise hereby give to our Agent and Councill of Hughly (which hereafter we shall alwayes understand to be our Councill of the Bay) full power and Authority to reform all other Councils and ffactories in the Bay according to their discretions, as they shall think best for our service, putting in or out, or suspending any person from our service, untill such person shall be restored by our selves, or President and Councill of ffort S^t^ George.

7. We have formerly given order occasionally in our letters as well as printed Rules, for the well government of our ffactories; which we desire you to cause to be observed punctually in all places.

8. When our President return'd to the ffort, we hope he took with him all your Remains of old Guns, Cloth, and all other Europe goods. If any be left unsold in any factory of y^e^ Bay, We enjoyn you not to fail of sending them up to the ffort by the first opportunity; that you may not only clear our Warehouses of them, but that we may find them all cleared in your Books.

9. We would have you send us not only Cotton wool, but ½ of our Cotton yarn pressed with our Screws; being lately well informed that the screwing will not damnify the yarn.

10. And if you can procure any quantity of ffeathers, and can press the quantity of 12c: w^tt^ or more of them into the bulk of 4 Hogsheads, send us what you can of them for a trial.

11. Encrease all that is possible your manufacture of Plain Taffaties & if you can come to winde or throw that fine Silk (which you know our Silkmen, as it comes raw, care not to buy) it may turn us well to acco^t^: whereas formerly we alwayes lost mony by it.

12. Our list of Goods to be provided shall go by the Persia Merchant which we hope may sail directly for your place from the Downs, the first week in September next.

13. We can hardly hope for it, Though if it could be attained we should be glad if you had obtained leave to build a ffort in some convenient place for the Security of that trade, that we might have not only a fort, but a Town and small territory of our own as we have at Bombay, and if you are possessed of any such place by vertue of what we ordered you to doe last year, in case of Extremity, we hope you will be soe wise as to secure your Selves in it, by good words &c^a^. untill you hear again from us.

14. Having provided you so easy, we may say lazy a way of clearing all our Warehouses in y^e^ Bay of all Europe goods, by putting the labour and burden of disposing them upon our President and Council at the ffort as aforesaid, we do peremtorily require you to doe itt forthwith, as well to putt our dead Stock into life and motion, as to sett our selves upon the clearer and freer terms, that we may the bolder insist upon our rights from the Nabob.

15. ffor y^e^ same purpose we must likewise press you earnestly, to gett in all our debts as well old as new in that Country, and compell those Pikars that plaid the Knaves with you, while the Interlopers were there to pay interest to you for our mony, which they had in their hands and failed to deliver your goods for according to their agreem^ts^.

16. We had made a good busyness of our Sugars the last year by Captain Wildy, but that you dispatcht him so late for Persia, that he could neither have gold (which is best) for returns nor any freight goods or Passingers, for the future we must enjoyne you to correct this error by providing timely a quantity of Sugar before hand, that the Ship or Ships you send for Persia may sayle from the Bay early in Decemb^r^ to be at Gombroone by ffebruary or y^e^ beginning of March.

17. If you say the disappointment happened by reason that you could not sooner get in your Sugars, We reply 1^st^. that, that will alwayes happen so, if you have not Sugars ready at Ballasore as we have often ordered you, 2^ly^. that when ever it falls out, that your Sugars come in so late, we would have you, not to send any such backward Ship loaden w^th^ Sugars to Persia, but direct such late Ship to Bombay where we shall order our President and Councill of Surratt to land them, and put the ship upon some further imployment that may turn us to a better account, and in the mean time, the lyeing of our Ship in Bombay Road while she stays there will be some reputation and security to our Island.

18. We wrote you last year that our Ships from the Bay to ffort S^t^ George shall not hereafter goe up empty or with litle goods besides Petre but that you should fill up our tonnage with Rice Butter Oyle &c^a^. to be sold to the numerous Inhabitants of our Town of Madrass since we understand that longe Pepper (w^ch^ is alwayes cheap in the Bay) is a Commodity in all parts of y^e^ King of Golcandaes country but especially in that City and in regard the difference by land to our ffort to Gulconda is but three dayes more then Metchlepatam, and that our Cafela's that came down to the ffort may carry goods up cheap, since likewise the freight upon our own Ships from the Bay to ffort S^t^ George will be no charge to the Company upon our own ships, Wee think our President & Councill of ffort S^t^ Georg with your selves may make long Pepper a profitable Commodity to the Company, and are told that two or three hundred tons thereof yearly may find a Vent in all the Kingdome of Gulconda, and that we shall be able to afford it cheaper then any more Gentu or Private trader that must pay freight and therefore we desire that yearly such a quantity thereof may be sent up by our Ships, as our President and Council shall advise you may sell, and the mean time till you have their advices send by the first ship, you have spar'd tonnage for to the ffort 50 tons thereof.

19. Besides Paddy and rice there is another graine called Gram—that growes plentifully in the Bay and will sell well at the ffort of which you may likewise send some quantity to help fill up our ships. We have not else to add, but comending you and our affairs to the Guidance and protection of the Almighty, We remaine

Your loving ffriends
Joseph Ashe Govern^r^.
Jos^h^ Child Dep^ty^.
John Moore.
Joseph Herne.
Edw^d^. Bouverie.
W^m^. Jarrett.
Peter Daniel.
Tho Cooke.
Tho: Canham.
Henry Serle.
Thomas Dava'll.
John du Bois.

[*Endorsed*.] Companies Generall to the Bay of Bengall dated 2d. July 1864—Over land—recd 11th July 1685—Entred ℔ S. H

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON, 30TH. SEPTEMBER 1684.

1. With this you have transcripts of all or former lres since ye choice of this Governor ℔ Comittees. Since ye last whereof hath arrived with Us ye following Ships, viz, Kent, Welfare, George, & Josia, from your place; Prudent Mary, & Herbert from ye Bay; Scipio, Success & Charles from Suratt; for which God be praised.

2. You give us great encouragemt for ye vent of Europe goods; but we shall not overstock you with them this year, until all or Factories in ye Bay are discharged of all old Remayns by bringing them up to ye Fort, where you will have opportunity of putting them off at better rates than if we should presently clog you agen with a burden of fresh goods. Which opportunity of being troubled but with few goods and plenty of mony we hope you will improve for or advantage, not only at ye Fort, but in all yor subordinate factories.

3. You may see, as we have ordered the matter, the Jews may happen to improve the trade of that Place, but shall never prejudice you in your Comission.

4. We are yet of opinion yt the Phyrmaund for coyning of Rupees & Pice & Cash may be of great advantage to us, & would have you pursue ye obtaining of it as soon as you have a fit opportunity. We have hastened out this Ship ye Kempthorn with all ye earnestness we could, & ye Captn did promise to be in ye Downs by 20th September instant: And we think did endeavor it as really as any will. But ye heats in July & August doe so endanger their Beer & Flesh yt it is very difficult to get any Comandr to comply with so early a departure for India, except their Flesh be killed & Beer brewed in April, wch we shall endeavor to have done next year, becaus those yt promised have failed us this year.

5. We have ordered, as you will see by ye copy of or Bay letter sent you herewith, the Persia Marcht to be sent up to the Fort in Novembr with a full loading of Saltpetre: What ever els is necessary to be directed there, will now be incumbent upon yor selves, our Servants in ye Bay being enjoyned to follow yor Orders. We have formerly left it to yor discretion, to withdraw or Not, from Mechlepa: It is & ever was a very expensive factory, as well as a very mortal place to or Servants: Consider well of it, & particularly Whether it be advisable to doe it before you hear ye Result of next Term, lest you should open a door for Interlopers.

6. The pot of Pegu Musk you sent us by the London, proved but indifferent; some Cods very dry, & some falsified; and at ye price you paid for it, vizt. 25 Pagos ℔ Catty, there is noe profit on it. We used to pay for Tonquin Cod-Musk noe more. However if you can't get it cheaper send us 1,000 to 1,500 Oz. But if to be had at 20 Pagos. ℔ Catty, you may send Five to six thousand Ounces: Pray let great care be had to its goodness.

7. Of course [*lacuna*] & blew [Camerars] of Codilore, you may send us the qty expressed in or List.

8. Yor abatemt of prices at Mechlepa & Pettipolee is very well, if a strict hand be kept in ye sorting. Otherwise those pretended abatemts are but specious cheats; which we say only in respect to ye persons formerly intrusted in those Out-factories.

9. For at ye Fort or goods have been well sorted those last two years, tho' we think something more to our advantage ye former year than this.

10. When you send any Goods for Sale to any of our subordinate ffactories if they doe not sell that Monsoon, let them be sent back again to you, for we would continue noe stores at any place but at out ffort S$^{t.}$ George; where we reckon our Estates much safer then in any of y^{e} Out-ffactories.

11. Thô you cannot but be sensible of our great charge, and that during this competition with y^{e} Interlopers, we drive a great trade for litle or no profit, yet we would not be wanting to our Country in making provision for futurity by building of a ffort in the most convenient place you can procure in y^{e} Gingee Country: but at first we would not mount above six or 8 Guns, nor maintain above 16 English Soldiers for y^{e} defence of it which will give y^{e} less Umbrage of jealousy to Sombajee, may cost us the less mony to obtaine a priviledge for and be as good a curb to the insolencies of y^{e} Gulcondah Gov^{rs}:, as if it were more considerable, because you can strengthen it with Guns and hands from y^{e} ffort when you see cause.

12. We hope yo^{r} next will advise us of Good Returns of our Manilla Adventure.

13. And to encourage other hopefull private trades, you may adventure for us one thousand pounds or two in each year in any Country trade that you shall reasonably judge may turn us well to account for which our Presid^{t} & Second may take their allowed Comission; they haveing given us great proof in y^{e} case of Diam$^{os.}$ that y^{e} Comission will not tempt them to engage us in any trade y^{t} they doe not believe will turn us to Acc^{t}.

14. If you find when our last years Sloops are arrived with you, that you shall yet have need of those two Small Vessells of 70 or 80 tons each, w^{ch} you write for, or one of them, you may build one or both if you have occasion at Madapollam taking great care that the charge of them be defrayed to us by their good and constant employment, that our Stock be not consumed by charge, as y^{e} Dutch have theirs in a great measure; althô, they can bear a charge in many respects w^{ch}: we cannot, 1$^{st.}$ Because they are not troubled with Interlopers; 2$^{ly.}$ They know how to levy revenues in their Towns and Conquests which we never yet had y^{e} art of. 3$^{ly.}$ Their spice and Japan trades, are as Good as two rich mines of Gold to thē.

15. We are not able to advise you peremptorily what to doe as to Acona's insolent demands upon you; the Inconveniences of yeilding to their demands, are very great, and not less in refusing. But when you have fair quarter or a ffort in y^{e} Gingee Country, are rid of interlopers, and have setled our Affaires in y^{e} Bay and at Atcheen, we think you may be bolder upon them thēn at present, In the mean time give that Kings Ministers goo l words but keep your money, paying onely what is justly due, and tell them you will write to us, and represent y^{e} cause of their demands fayrly to us, and when you have our answer, you will perform our Orders faithfully: In the mean time request their patience &c$^{a.}$ But upon y^{e} whole matter we must leave it to yo$^{r.}$ discretions to doe what upon any exigency you shall judge most expedient for our Service.

16. But it seemeth y^{e} most equitable thing in y^{e} world to us, that whether we defend our priviledges by Piscashes or otherwise, those that participate of them, Viz$^{t.}$ yo$^{r.}$ black Merch$^{ts.}$ and other Inhabitants of Madrass should one way or other contribute towards the charge of them.

17. We have at present so many Competitors in our trade, that it is a plain case nothing can support our trade, but great thrift great stocks, diligent care and circumspection, with truth and integrity in all those we imploy at home and abroad, by w^{ch} only we may come to bear down our Competitors, in which we must give you the just commendations, and out Presid$^{t.}$ of Surratt, you having both worthily done yo$^{r.}$ endeavours in a difficult time: And now we must desire you to suspend putting us to any further charge in building, untill we see a litle fayrer weather, except you can have leave for erecting a small ffort at Atcheene or in y^{e} Gingee Country, as we have formerly wrote you.

18. We shall doe what we can for yo^{r} Black Merchants as well in the case of M^{r} Masters as when we come to a treaty with the Dutch about satisfaction for losses at Bentam: But if M^{r} ffreeman and M^{r} Brown would deal candidly with you and them, they could help them more certainly and speedily to satisfaction then is possible to be attained here, by y^{e} slow methods of our Court of Chancery, especially in regard we are not a Constitution properly framed for the prosecution of law suits. Some of us have read over the papers of difference between M^{r} Ramsden, and M^{r} Dujordain: and upon y^{e} whole matter we cannot say M^{r} Ramsden is in any fault by what appears to us: But if you find he is, you may deal with him accordingly: However it is most manifest that M^{r} du Jordain is a notorious insolent and very ill man, not fitted to be trusted in any employm^{t}. under us: which doth appear as plainly by his own papers in which he makes the best defence he can as well as by M^{r} Ramsdens accusasion of him: So we hope you have before this dismissed him our service, and left him, as you found him, a free March^{t}. residing at ffort S^{t} George.

19. Those persons you mention to have deserved well in our service we believe have done so, and many other of our Servants that are not named in yo^{r}. l$\tilde{r}$e: For y^{e} truth is you have all deserved soe well, except M^{r} Dujorden, and M^{r} Ramsden, if he be guilty of any unfaithfullness, that we are loth to commend any in particular except our Presid^{t}. and Councill, lest we should discourage others that deserve an equall measure of our favour.

20. M^{r} ffleetwoods Indentures we cannot alter the terms of: if we should begin to doe, that there would be no end of it; for the Relations of severall others would be giving us perpetuall trouble by soliciting us for the like irregular favour, w^{ch} is, what we have writt to Surratt upon y^{e} same occasion: But if M^{r} ffleetwood or any other have deserved better then ordinary, you may consider them by putting them into the best employments their degree will admitt of.

21. M^{r} Edward Dutton you may entertain as a ffactor, and we shall take that security for him which he proposed, when it is offered to us.

22. M^{r} Wilks we have bid welcom home, with that kindness y^{t} is due to an Old and faithful Servant, with which he is well pleased.

23. We have now answered as well as we can to all the materiall paragraphs of yo^{r}. severall l$\tilde{r}$es by this year Shipping viz^{t}. of y^{e} 6 and 10th Septemb^{r}. by the Kempthorne, 8^{o} Octob^{r}. by the New London 19^{o} Janu^{ry}. by y^{e} Kent, and Welfare, 2^{o} ffebru^{ry}. by y^{e} George, and 6^{o}. Ditto by the Josia.

24. Now in regard we are in y^{e} midst of our Sale, and may possibly want time, by this Ship, to make out a compleat list of what we would have you provide for us against next year, with that circumspection as we intend to send it you, We think it necessary in y^{e} mean time to let you know that y^{e} Co$\tilde{m}$odities in your parts in most request are Morees fine Bettellees of all sorts, and Cotton Romalls; of w^{ch} last you cannot send us too many if they be well bought: Of these 3 sorts we would have you i$\tilde{m}$ediately make provision of all you can gett to send us by our first Ships, and by the next Ship we send you, you shall not fail of the promised list w^{ch}. will better ascertain you of y^{e} particular q^{ties}. of each sort that we except for y^{e} whole year, which will be considerable.

25. We know not whether it may be for better or worse, that Tywan is taken by the Tarters, because if the Tarters will admitt us to a trade at Tywan as we had before, it may probably be better then it was under y^{e} Chinese Government, because y^{t} Island having a communication with the Mayn may afford more co$\tilde{m}$odities and of more various kinds now then it did formerly and take off a greater q^{ty}. of English Manufactures. But untill it be certain whether they will admitt us trade or not, we doe not think it adviseable to send any Ship thither from hence, but rather that you should send some small vessell with our l$\tilde{r}$e to y^{e} Vice King of Tywan and send by the said Vessel a small Cargo of 4 or 5000£ value to dispose of there, if we can be admitted trade, Or if not, to bring off our people from thence. We think the Cargo were best to consist

of 5 or 600£ value in English manufactures 2 Chests of dollars the rest in propper Callicoes; and y^e^ Vessell to be filled up w^th^ Pepper, if you have it at y^e^ ffort, or can order it to be put on board in 3 or 4 dayes time at Atcheen.

26. We think you had best upon y^e^ said small Vessell to send one ffactor, and one Writer to dispose of the Cargo at Nankeen Islands or y^e^ Lampico Islands, in case they should not be admitted to a Trade at Tywan' and if our people at Tywan be permitted to come away you may join them in Comission with y^e^ said ffactor and Writer you send, to see our Cargo soe disposed of.

27. If y^e^ Tarters shall refuse to admitt us trade, or permitt our Servants to come off the Island, you may order our ffactor as soon as y^e^ Vessell is out of the Harbor or out of danger, to send if he can by any fishing boat, or otherwise, a Protest against y^e^ Tarters for deteyning our Servants, and effects in their hands, who were there in y^e^ Chinese Country only upon y^e^ peaceable acco^t^: of Trade and no Enemies to the Emperor of Tartary or any of his Subjects.

28. Our President having seen the Customs of those Countryes, knows that the Tartars like the Chineses are a sligh crafty, treacherous people and therefore we hope will give such instructions to the Comand^r^. of the small Vessel and the Merchants he sends, that they keep as far as may be out of danger untill they have reason to conclude they shall be treated as friends and permitted trade.

29. We think you may doe well likewise to send with our lre a translate of it in the Portugall language, if you have none that can doe it in Chynese.

30. Ally in the Lumly Castle arrived on Saturday proceeding our Sale which was to begin on Monday: And at first his employers gave out that she was come a full and very rich Ship: but the contrary appears, she being about ⅓ part dead freighted, and the rest of her Cargoe such as we have reason to believe Money will be lost, by the whole Adventure: Another small Interloper from Surratt, sold all y^e^ Goods she brought home for 3,000£ which we suppose will not pay y^e^ ship's freight, and all the Stock lost: The William and John sold for 36,000£ and will do the best of any of them, but we think may not make 14^d^ of a Shilling, soe that wee think few of them will have encouragement to goe againe, if they might have leave, besides we thinke they will have a great reckoning to pay hereafter to his Majesty, for their great misdemeanor and affront to his Authority, and may likewise be compelled to pay us something for our damages, when Judgm^t^. is passed for our Charter which we have great hopes may not be suspended longer then till next terme.

31. We intend to send you by this Ship in Bullion 70,000£ and as much by the Chandois one halfe whereof we would have you send to the Bay.

32. The George and Josiah will not be long after the Chandois by every Ship we shall send you a quantity of Bullion and could send you more now, but that we are unwilling to adventure so much upon one Ship as we did last year by the London and Herbert because we know you would be upon a straine with the Interlopers, which now we think you will not.

33. By our List of Tunnage sent you herewith you will see what Ships we have designed for yo^r^. parts, not doubting but you will have goods enough to load them with an Overplus.

34. If you do obtain permission for a ffort at Atcheen, or some of the Islands in that road we would not have you ingage us presently into a deep Charge of building or Souldiers, but doe onely what is necessary for our Security at first contriving soe that we may here-after enlarge or Strengthen as we see cause ye rather because the wintering of yo^r^. private Ships there may add much to the Security of the place.

35. What English manufactures we send you shall be by our latter Ships because we would give you the more time to dispose of those remaines, you will have from the Bay which while you have no other Goods to sell you may putt off

at the better rates and the old Guns from the Bay, which you cannot sell may serve to mount at Atcheene or in y^e^ Gingee Country, if you have such occasion for them

36. ffor what is aboard this Ship we refer you to the Bills of loading and Invoice.

37. His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to take effectuall order for the reducing of Bombay of which you will hear more hereafter yo^r^. great Satisfaction that busyness being at present reserved as a Secret by the Kings speciall orders.

38. We have great assurance given us by S^r^ Josia Child of the Integrity and ffidelity of M^r^ ffraser, who goes over ffactor in the Kempthorne, Therefore we do appoint that he be constantly imployed in the Sorting Godowne as assistante to our Sorter, that Officer being the Key of our profitt or loss, what ever Contracts are made. But M^r^ ffraser is to doe any other busyness at all leisure times, when he can be spared from Sorting. We would have you likewise in all our subordinate ffactories to take especiall care whom you trust in those Employments and let them alwayes be such in whose ffidelity and care you can have a more then ordinary Confidence.

39. When our Sale is over, [we] shall give you the most impartiall Acco^tt^. we can of the better or worse Sorting in every ffactory which now we cannot doe with so much certainty as we may after y^e^ Sale.

40. And now we do not write for so many Goods, neither will you meet with that Comission as last year. Yo^r^. Sorters in all subordinate ffactoryes may hold our Merchants more strictly to the full Goodness of yo^r^. Musters.

41. We so well like yo^r^. black Merch^ts^. carriage in our affaires these 2 last years, that we think they may deserve y^e^ favour of a few Lines from us which we have sent with this packet.

42. You may let them know it will much encrease their trade if they can invent or procure new Sorts of Goods, which they say they were about, and it seems to us easy for them to doe especially in severall sorts of Chints of various works, grounds, and Colours, y^e^ more Variety the better, and in regard Cotton is as Cheap with you as in y^e^ Bay, we can see no reason, why you should not make Cotton Yarn of Severall Sorts as Cheap there. It may be workmens wages may be dearer at the ffort then in the Bay, but up in y^e^ Country, where Rice is Cheaper we know not why workmanship should not be as cheap as in any part of India.

43. The use of our Screws in pressing of Cotton Woole is a matter of great concernment to us, because if by that means of crouding a great weight of Cotton Wool into a little room we can bring that Comodity but to pay freight and make us Savers, we have acquired a great thing for our Country by the Enlargement it will make of y^e^ English Navigation and therefore we must desire you never to give over trying and attempting untill you have perfected that worke and because we think it may take up time to be done well, we would have you set about it early and employ a Gang of men in a convenient place for y^t^ purpose constantly in pressing packing &c^a^. (who will grow expert by Custome) untill you have 2 or 3 Tons by you with part whereof you may easily fill up and dispatch a Ship for Europe w^ch^ : otherwise might fall into demorage before you could compleat her loading.

44. To what you write concerning the affaires of our Mint, we shall give answer by a paper apart w^ch^. the Comittees of the Treasury will draw up upon y^e^ whole matter.

45. You will see what we have writt to the Queen of Atcheen and governe yo^r^. selves accordingly, and we would have you to send M^r^ Higinson with M^r^ Yale to settle that place if you can obtaine the liberty of an Island to settle upon, which after many thoughts we do much more incline to, then to any Settlement upon the maine land, and it will be yo^r^. prudence soe to consult, and [direct] those two prudent Persons that in yo^r^. first Settlement, you lay the ffoundation for a future revenue

after the Dutch Methods, but begin very low at first Custome 2 ℔ C^{t}. Coinage ½ ℔ C^{t}. Excise a ½ ℔ Ct. ground rents, Shopkeepers and boatmen one Cash ℔ mensem or any triviall matter which hereafter we may enlarge if the places should grow strong and great in trade and Chineses and others should resort thither as we hope they may, Punch houses &^{ca}. you may rate as at ffort S^{t}. George.

46. You may do well to consider ad [and ?] advise us what Blacks our people may have need off to cultivate the Island, and what the Overplus may yield upon Sale, If you should give us Encouragement hereafter to order any of our Ships to stop at Madagascar and take in Blacks in their way to Atcheen.

47. We shall order the first that can be ready of our Ships Georg: or Josia to goe directly to the ffort, and thence to the Bay; and y^{e} latter to goe directly to the Bay, and thence come up to you with Petre, Rice or any other provisions you shall write for upon the Comp^{as}. acco^{t}. of which you may doe well to give them in the Bay timely advice and order.

48. We think likewise to Order all our Ships that goe directly to the ffort, when the wind serves to fall in with all Southern ffactories and bring to you any remainder of Goods that may be left of the former years provision, w^{ch}. peradventure when we are in the way of, may make yo^{r}. want of small Vessells the less, and save part of that charge to the Company.

49. Our Originall lre to y^{e} Queen of Atcheen we have inclosed in yo^{r}. paquet, that you may take such order for the delivery of it, and give such instruction with it, as you shall judge best for o^{r}. Service.

50. Among other disorders in y^{e} Bay, one hath been the giving of Diet mony to some of our Servants unmarryed, and therefore have noe honest reason to be absent from our Publick table, which disorder we hope our President did observe and correct when he was in the Bay; And now we have writt them to correct that disord^{rly} method we would have you keep them up to their duty in that respect.

51. We have for a further Supply of yo^{r}. ffactories on your Coast entertained the Persons undernamed for 5 years, The ffactors at 15 £ ℔ Ann. and the Writers at 5 £ a vear Viz^{t}.

M^{r} William ffraser	Factors.
M^{r} Christ^{o}. Wilson	
M^{r} Simon Holcomb	
M^{r} Joseph Loe	
M^{r} Charles Williams	
Samuell Whitby	Writers.
Edward Barron	
Vicesimus Griffith	

Some of which take their passage on the Kempthorne, the rest will goe by the Chandois and Josia.

52. In the year 1682 We sent out (amongst others) One M^{r} Gabriel Roberts as a Writer, fitly qualified for our Service, He was well recommended to Us both as to his Ingennity and deligence, but was casually omitted to be named in our List; By which means probably he hath wanted that Encouragement, which otherwise might have been given to him, He is Nephew to S^{r} Samuell Dashwood, Sheriff of London and a Member of this Court, We would therefore have you employ him in such busyness and Station, wherever you will find him most capable.

53. What fine Goods the Ship Dragon shall bring from Tanqueen proper for o^{r}. Europe Marketts, if upon his Arrivall there be any of our 3 deckt Ships with you, homeward bound, we would have you take out the one halfe of the said fine Goods and put them on board such 3 deckt Ship, for y^{e} better securing of them [from] damage, and the remainder is to be brought us by the Dargon.

54. To give Mr. Wilcox, & Mr. Ord their due Comendations we must own y their Goods from Conimere are ye best in their kinds, and best sorted of any we have this year received from any place within your Presidency. And they have done extraordinarily well in bringing their Dustore to ye Compas. Creditt towards defraying ye Charge of their Dubash Brahmines Peons &ca: wch we recomend to yor. care to bring into use for the Compas. right and interest in all our ffactories as well in ye Bay, as upon the Coast, and in the Gingee Country.

55. If Cotton Wool be above 3d ℔ lb with you, send not above ten tons thereof from ye ffort for a Tryall, and be very carefull, that it be cleane drest & of ye best sort. And from ye Bay in such case send us but 20 or 30 tons of ye best sort very cleane drest, and fitt for present use.

We have not else to add but commending you and our affaires to the Guidance and Protection of ye Almighty We remaine

Wm. Turner.	Yor loveing friends
Ben Bathurst.	Joseph Ashe Governr.
Peter Daniel.	Josa Child Deptv.
Edwd. Bouverie.	Ja: Edward.
Ri. Hutchinson.	John Moore.
Chris Boone.	Wm. Sedgwicke.
Samll. Dashwood.	
Joseph Herne.	

[P.S] We have given leave to Richard Tillman a Soldjer belonging to ye Fort to take his passage on ye Kempthorn upon ye Certificate of Capt Brennock wch we send you hereinclosed, with a copy of our order to ye Captn, whereby you will find our direccons concerning him. Herewith we send you the Indents of Cha: Kenyon & Mr. Jno Hill, wth their bonds thereon to perform Covents, wch they omitted to sign & seal at their going from hence. We desire therefore you will cause ye same to be firmed & sealed by them, & to return them to us by the next.

[*Endorsed:*] Companies Generall to Fort St George dated 30th Septr. 1684—No. 1.—recd. ℔ Kempthorne 5th June 1685—Overland from Porto Novo—Entered ℔ S.H.

These may Certifie whom it may Concerne that Richard Tillman late Corporall at ye foort St George did by my Request to Capt Richardson & his desire to him and one other, ye Ship Kent haveing but 22 men in her 6 whereof being Dutch before that the Said Richard Tillman and the other Came on board; and he for feare of haveing their depleasure, they telling him it Should be the better for him left his wife and ffamily at ffoort St George to Returne in Said Ship. Witness my hand ye 2d. day of Octo 1684.

Tho: Brennock.

By ye Court of Comtrs

Capt. Kempthorne.

Whereas ye bearer Richard Tillman, late one of our soldiers at ffort St George; did come home for England on board ye Kent Capt Brennock; they wanting men; this is to order you to receive on board yr Ship; ye said Richard Tillman, & carry him to ffort St George; & if it doth appeare by advice from our Agt &ca, there, that hee was by their order & direction, & without his particular Request to goe for Engld, sent on board ye ship Kent; then we will pay his passage; but if it was his owne desire & not ye Agt &ca; positive order to send him on ye Kent, then our Agt &ca are to deduct of his future wages, or otherwise oblidge him to pay soe much, as his passage amott to; however you are to receive him on board yr Ship, & carry him to ffort St George. Dated at the E India house the 3d of October 1684.

Ro Blackborne Secy.

[*Endorsed:*] Certificate & Order about Tillman—recd ℔ the Kempthorn the 5 June 1685—No. 15—Entered ℔ S.H.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST GEORGE. LONDON, 24TH OCTOBER 1684.

This addition to you which wee intend by ye Kempthorn is principally concerning the affairs of our mint which have occasiond us many debates & consultations for indeed ye abuse therein is run to such an exorbitancy that it is high time to reform it which wee are resolv'd to effect one way or other.

Our method here in all times hath been to acco^{t}. with the Goldsmiths here by essays made by the Mint master of the tower & altho it is possible (thô wee do not know it) that he may of late years bee more favourable of the Goldsmiths part then he ought to bee or formerly was wee cannot imagine any mistake or favour of his here as aforesaid could exceed a grain or ½ a grain ℔ ounce w^{ch} is inconsiderable with ye respect of its disproportion from you.

The Remainder of our adjourned Sale comes on ye beginning of next month which may hinder our book keeper & ye Committee that takes care of that business from drawing up a table or abstract of ye Produce of all Sorts of Bullion in Coinage every year at Fort St George Since wee had a mint there but we shall endeavour to get it perfected & well examined before the departure of our latter ships & send it you with this resolution that wee will have for ye future as many Pags. made out of every oz of standard Gold as hath been upon a medium of all the foregoing years of which with that table or abstract wee shall write you more fully being resolved never to give over this enquiry untill wee have made our Selves ℔fect Masters of the truth of the fact & have found out remedies for ye Prevention of the like abuses either here or in India for all times hereafter.

But in regard to do this exactly may take us up more time & many more thoughts in regard the first thing wee are to have a care of is to see ye bullion wee Send you bee right according to ye essay here wee have for ye present thought fitt to give you ye following directions viz^{t}.

That for what gold is now loaden on board ye Kempthorn before you suffer any alloy to bee mixt with it to prepare it for coyning you do make an essay of every Ingott cut through in the middle & cut an essay off a penny w^{te}. thereof to bee returned for England takeing off another essay of the same Ingott to bee tryed by your selves there after which melt down every particular Ingott & Parcell by itself & cast it into a thin flatt Cake then break the said Cake in the middle takeing thereof ye like essay aforesaid & returning it to us wth ye former. This is to bee done in the presence of ye Agent & second when they can bee present and 2 of the Council at least & 2 factors who are to see ye said Ingotts & other Parcells of Gold & put into ye Melting Pott [&] new cast into Cakes & the said Cakes broken & essayes taken off of each of them which are to bee returnd for England & that each sample for a future essay to bee made on what returnd by them for England bee made up by it self singly in a Paper bearing ye name of ye ship [it] came upon ye N°. of ye Chest & the N°. of ye Ingott or Parcell of forreign Gold coyn which when they have done the said Part of ye Council & Factors which shall bee 3 at least shall deliver all ye Said Parcells or Musters for Essayes to bee returnd for England numberd & markt as above directed noting which essay was taken out of ye midle of the Ingott when cutt & which essay was taken after ye whole Ingott was melted down with a particular acco^{t}. in writing also of ye weight of each muster returned and shall under ye said writing subscribe their name thereto, with a declaration by the Oath they have taken of fidelity to the Company that all ye above mencond musters returnd are truly numbred according to ye Invoice from England & y^{t} each Particular Ingott & Parcell was melted down in their presence & the Musters [as] now N°. are true Musters taken off of them after their first melting down into Cakes.

The remainder of ye Committee of ye treasurers report conc [erning] this affair which wee would have you pursue with all ye [exactness] you can wee shall give you in their own words viz^{t}.

That ye Presid^{t} & Council to bee also enordered after they have taken ye Essays off which are to bee returnd for England to take ye like samples off for themselves to make an Essay there viz^{t}. of each Ingott to make 2 essays one of ye middle of ye Ingott after tis Cut w^{ch} Essay is not to bee taken off from ye top or

bottom of middle so cut but out of y^e^ very middle of y^e^ Ingott & another Essay to bee taken off after both y^e^ Pieces of y^e^ Ingott are melted down & broke in y^e^ middle & that y^e^ essays bee taken off as near y^e^ middle as can bee both that which is taken off to bee tryed there & y^t^ which is taken off to bee sent for England to the Comp^a^.

And y^t^ Presid^t^ &c^a^ bee enorderd to send a particular acco^t^ home to y^e^ Comp^a^. how many matt fine every particular essay comes out a[ll] which they will see by a Paper herew^th^. sent what it should hold out at according to the standard they are invoiced at & at which fineness wee have rec^d^. & Paid for them to the Goldsmiths here and they will thereby see whether according to the tryall there it holds out y^e^ fineness it is invoiced att.

And if at their making their first essay out of the piece w^ch^. is taken out of y^e^ Ingott after it is cut in two (before they melt down both together into a cake) which essay wee would have them make before they melt down both pieces of y^e^ Ingott together they shall find that any Ingott doth considerably differ from y^e^ fineness they are Invoiced at wee would then have you send home to y^e^ Company One half of that Ingott which shall differ most in fineness from y^e^ Invoice & melt down only the other half part thereof in order to coyning.

That all y^e^ Parcells of Musters so to bee returnd for England & y^e^ declaration above required bee put up in the Presence of the President &c^a^ & Sealed with y^e^ Comp^as^. Seal & with y^e^ Seals of each of y^e^ severall persons that make & sign y^e^ declaration & returnd to the Company by the first ship.

That y^e^ Presid^t^ &c^a^ take especiall care to look over all y^e^ Gold in forreign Coyn before they melt it down and finding any pieces false to return them for England.

That y^e^ Chiefs of y^e^ Fort & Bay & Surratt bee orderd to advice the Company what is y^e^ highest Standard in each place that they Compute their gold & Silver by and in what proporc̃on each standard declines as wee in England do from 24 Carr^ts^. fine for Gold for 4 gra^s^. & $\frac{1}{4}$ of a gra^in^ in each grain & from 12 oz fine for Silver by penny w^tes^. & gr: to 11 oz 2^d^ weights our English standard for Silver to lower if it bee worse then standard.

And that they send us an exact acco^t^. of all y^e^ severall weights from each place by which they sell their Gold & Silver by w^ch^. their severall denominations from the highest weight to y^e^ lowest viz^t^. as in England wee sell Gold by y^e^ ounce 1 lb is 12 oz 1 oz is 20 dw^te^. is 24 grains that so they denominate their lowest weights & that they advise how their severall weights hold out & in what proporc̃on they are to the weights they use here in England.

That they return y^e^ Company a perfect acco^t^. of all the Gold now sent on the Kempthorn what fineness each particular Ingott or Parcell comes out at as the She[r]offs shall make it according to their Matt & also from M^r^ Mell what hee finds it by his Tryall according to our English standard & this acco^t^. to bee sent by a Paper apart by y^e^ first ship & entred in their mint book which they have been wanting in not sending home this year save only by y^e^ ship London.

Wee send you with this a table drawn by S^r^ Jer: Sambrooke who by his residence at y^e^ fort hath obtaind y^e^ best skill of any of us in this affair by which table you make tryall of all y^e^ Gold you receive by the Kempthorn of the proportions between our standard Gold & your matt & may make a like use of it in all future occasions.

Wee have likewise sent you enclosd a Copy of M^r^ Mells letter to S^r^ Jer: Sambrook that you may make y^e^ best use you can thereof for preventing our further loss & discovery of the causes & persons who occasiond our former loss.

There goes by this ship y^e^ Kempthorn one M^r^ Whitby a writer of whose conversation wee heard an ill report after hee was in the Downes & therefore sent for him up with a purpose not to imploy him in our service but upon consideration of his fathers great charge in fitting him out & suspition that part of y^e^ accusation might arise from malice of some that hee had inform'd against & his promise of more care & circumspection hereafter wee gave him leave to return again to y^e^ ship & would have you send him to the Bay by the same ship.

Wee would have not only our Presidt. & Second but all our Council at ye fort as they have leisure & opportunity to make themselves throughly Masters in that knowledge of ye exact proporcon between our Sterling & your Mart & as near as well as they can to gain an insight into ye mistery of essaying Gold & silver that it may not bee hereafter in the sheroffs power to abuse us in that respect & that wee may not rely singly on the skill and care of any one man in any affaire that so much concerns us wee remain

Your loving friends

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RI HUTCHINSON.
EDWD BOUVERIE.
THO : CANHAM.

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WM GOULSTON.
EDWARD RUDGE.
WM SEDGWICKE.
JA. EDWARDS.
CHRIS BOONE.

[*Endorsed :*] Companies General to Fort St George 24 October 1684—recd. ℔ ship *Kempthorn*.—Entred ℔ S.H.

MR. WILLIAM GIFFORD.
MR. JOHN BIGRIG.

I have wrote you both severally by this ship ye Kempthorne since wch in ye progress of our sales I have observed some things not inserted in or Generall lre wch are very materiall for you to know for ye Compns service of wch I intreat yor Speciall Care vizt.

(1) I finde yt : Golcundah Bettellaes are much out of use.

(2) Betellaes in most request are of ye: sorts No. 25 : 26 : 28 : 29 of wch provyde great quantities but a sort much finer yn any of ye aforesaid numbers would doe much better yn either of ym, tho they cost proportionably dearer 3 or 4000 peices of such super fine goods & if they bee made full Ell wide, they will sell a great deale ye: better & to more proffit.

(3) :—Superfine Morees No : 1 & 12 not above 2000 peices of each sort will doe exceeding well & yor : black Merchts I know will bee forward enough to provyde ym.

(4) :—Especially you must not omitt to provyde in time 2 or 3000 peices of stript Betellaes some wth stripes ½ inch wide & some wth narrow stripes ½ of ye quantity to bee full Ell wide ye : rest of ye : usuall bredths to bee washed very white.

(5) :—The Vizaccapatam Commos are good in their kindes & yt : is a ffactory y wll require honest men & ought to bee encouraged.

(6) :—Yor : package at ye : ffort is nothing soe good as at ye : Bay or as it was formerly at ye : ffort yor Gunneys are bad ye : wax Clothes have little wax in ym but are coloured wth Turmarick & dipt in oyle, besides ye. wax clothes are so scanty & doe not fould many of ym about halfe an inch over whereas they ought to fould over halfe a foote.

(7) :—The Mitchlepatam goods are likewise very ill packed in ye : former respects & much more loose yn yors at ye : ffort, & by ye : Connimeere goods yt : wee have scene I doubt all yor packing stuffe at yor Southerne ffactoryes may bee as bad or worse yn yors at ye : ffort.

I hope to preserve patternes of ye stript Betellaes to send you enclosed in this lre.

Yors

27th 7ber 1684. J.C.

[*Endorsed :*] Coppy to Presidt Gyfford & Mr Bigrig dated the 27th of Septemb 1684—recd ℔ the *Kempthorn* the 5th June 1685—Entred ℔ S.H.

Most Honoured Sr FFORT ST. GEORGE 20 JANRY 83/4.

Sr I give you wth yor good Brother Mr Edwin my humble thanks for all yel trouble you were pleased to give yor selves in my comeing out & I doubt not but I

This whole letter concerns the Mint.

shall bee very serviceable to y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ in these parts, in this Chest of Gould y^t^ came by y^e^ Josia there were 8 Ingots ready melted, w^ch^ I had a peice of Each and y^e^ Brammins had y^e^ like soe I essayed y^m^ & when wee came to compare I made some Ingotts better y^n^ they by 7 ℔ c^t^ soe they seemed to bee very confident that they were in y^e^. right, & I had Essayed it twice, because I would bee sure, soe y^t^ wee went to looke in y^e^: Invoyce where I was exactly right except in N°: 58 where I made it about 3 ℔ c^t^ better y^n^ in y^e^: Invoyce, soe y^n^ I gott ord^r^: y^t^: it should bee melted & alloyed, as I ordered it, w^ch^ being done, I essayed y^e^ same againe, and it proved better in y^e^ 8 Ingotts then Pag°: Matt by 6 ^oz^ : 5 ^dwt^ : 9 ^grs^ : w^ch^ was a considerable improvem^t^: in y^e^ Gould w^ch^ sattisfyed mee very well, y^e^ oy^r^ : 8 parcells lyeing in y^e^: Brammines handles for at first they were all weighed & delivered to y^m^ soe when they came to melt y^m^ I was sent for one parcell being N° 41 Dutch Gould I thinke N°: 42 y^t^: I know very well being Spannish Pistoll w^ch^ I putt y^e^ Alloy to it y^e^ : oy^r^ being N°: 43 w^ch^ had 12 small Ingots, some Dust Gould some rings w^ch^ when they were melted I made an Essay found N° : 41 and N° 43 worse y^n^: Pag°: Matt 1 ℔ c^t^ which I came to looke on the Invoyce I found 1 to be 8 ℔ c^t^ better & y^e^. oy^r^: about 5 w^ch^ I am hartily troubled y^t^: y^e^ Comp^a^ should have such a losse, but to prevent this for y^e^ future any gould y^t^: is sent out unmelted lett it bee Committed to my charge & I will melt it my selfe & to bee sure keepe a muster of it by mee unmelted y^t^: if it should not prove soe good as y^e^ invoyce to send it back to you againe for in these two parcells y^e^ Brammines have taken out Gould & putt in Copper instead, y^t^: made it soe bad, or Else you are mightily cheated in y^r^ buying thereof, for when once I have melted any parcell of Gould they can noe wayes cheat mee for y^n^ I make an Exact Essay & if it bee better y^n^ Pag°: y^n^ I compute w^tt^ alloy must bee putt to it soe y^n^ y^e^ full weight must bee produced in Pag^os^ allowing y^m^ y^e^ Charge of y^e^ Mint & I hope y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ will consider mee & allow mee better sallery y^n^ 15£ ℔ ann̄ for I gett not one farthing but w^tt^ just they allow mee, w^th^ out I should side w^th^ these fellowes to Cheat y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ w^ch^ by Gods Grace I will bee faithfull & just in all my undertakeings whatsoever soe praying for yo^r^ prosperity hopeing to finde some encouragem^t^: from y^e^ Hon^bl^ Comp^a^ I crave leave to subscribe

Yo^r^ most obedient Humble
& faithfull serv^t^:
CHARLES MELL

I want some Aquafortis & some oy^r^ Small materialls w^ch^ I have writt to a freind to provyde at y^e^ best hand for my use in y^e^: Mint y^e^: Charge will bee but Small.

[*Endorsed:*] Coppy of a Letter to S^r^ Jeremy Sambrook from Charles Mell dated in ffort S^t^ George 20^th^ Jan^ry^ 168½—rec^d^ ℔ the Kempthorn 5 June 1685.—overland—[from Porto Nova]—Entered ℔ S.H.

THE 27TH AUGUST 1684.

Whereas by an order of Court of 12^th^ December last, it was provided That notwithstanding y^e^ prohibiĉon therein made, y^e^ Adventurers in y^e^ present joint Stock should not be hindred from exporting foreign Bullion be it gold or silver or goods not prohibited, to buy Diamonds Rubies Saphires or Emeralds, or to import any of those stones in y^e^ Comp^as^ Ships paying y^e^ Comp^a^ stated freight & permission of 2 ℔ C^t^. Out, & 3 ℔ C^t^. Home. They not exceeding y^e^ value (in any one year) of one 4^th^ part of their Stock or Credit in y^e^ Comp^as^ books; The Court now taking into consid^con^ the enlargeing of y^e^ trade of Diamonds &c. have thought fit to order, & doe hereby declare, That from henceforth it shalbe lawful to & for any of y^e^ Advent^rs^ to ship out in any one year y^e^ value of their whole Stock or Credit in y^e^ Comp^as^ books, paying y^e^ freight & permission aforesaid, & observing the Rules therein directed. And in case they Ship out more than their Stock; then to pay for such overplus, 3 ℔ C^t^ out, & 3 ℔ C^t^ home. And it is hereby also declared, y^t^ it shalbe lawful for any Merch^ts^ & others not being Advent^rs^ nor freemen of this Comp^a^, to export in y^e^ Comp^as^ Ships such quantites

of Bullion for India as they shall desire, being gold or Silver to buy Diamonds Rubies Saphirs or Emeralds, or to import any of those Stones in ye Compas Ships, paying unto ye Compa the freight & ℔mission of 3 ℔ Ct. out, & 3 ℔ Ct. home. So as ye said Bullion & Goods so to be exported be for their own proper acco^{t}, & go consigned to ye Compa Presid^{t} & one of the Compas Council of Suratt or Fort St George, & to one of ye said Exporters Correspond^{ts} in either of ye aforesaid places, & to noe other ; and to be by them sent home on ye Compas Ships and not otherwise. And that all Adventurers & other unfree Merch^{ts} before their entry of Bullion doe sign a Declaracõn as followeth, viz^{t}.

1. A.B. doe hereby declare, that the Bullion aforesaid is of noe more weight than is therein menc̃oned ; And shalbe consigned to the President and . . . . of the Council of . . . and . . . . . according to the hon^{ble} Companies Indulgence, and not otherwise.

[*Endorsed :*] Order concerning ye Exportacõn of bullion & consignations—rec^{d} ℔ the Kempthorn the 5th June 1685—N°. 11—Entered ℔ S.H.

List of Ships designed for the East Indies 1684.

For Surratt.

			Tuns.
Prudent Mary	...	Capt. Samll. Lake ...	300
New London	...	Capt. John Daniel ...	530
Charles ...	...	Capt. John Preston ...	370
Kent ...	...	Capt. Tho : Rawlings ...	130
Coast Friggatt	...	Capt. John Ely ...	300
Herbert ...	...	Capt. Henry Uvedale ...	650
Success ...	...	Capt. Wm. Swanley ...	480
Scipio African	...	Capt. Tho : Woodcock ...	390
Welfare ...	...	Capt. Isaac Serle ...	250

For the Coast and Bay.

Kempthorn ...	...	Capt. John Kempthorn...	640
Chandois ...	...	Capt. James Bonnell ...	640
Josia ...	...	Capt. Nathll. Owen ...	600
Persia Merch^{t}.	...	Capt. John Bowers ...	350
George ...	...	Capt. Nehemiah Earning	570
Shrewsbury ...	...	Capt. John Talbott ...	340
Golden Fleece	...	Capt. James Cook ...	550
Rainbow ...	...	Capt. Wm. Raven ...	250

On a Private Voyage.

One ship	220

For Tonqueen

Tonqueen Merchant Capt. Rob Knox	165

[*Endorsed :*] List of Ships 1684—N°. 12—rec^{d}. ℔ the Kempthorn the 5 June 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

List of Goods to be provided at the Coast and Bay, 1684.

	Pieces.
Long cloth ordinary	50,000
D°. Browne	10,000
D°. ffine	15,000
D°. Blew	20,000
D°. without Stiffening N°. 1. ã 2	5,000
Sallampores ordinary N°. 8 ã 10	100,000
D°. fine	25,000
Percallaes fine of all sorts, P and PP. did not sell ...	30,000
Moorees Superfine	500

	Pieces.
Moorees Superfine N°. 7. 8. 9. 10	20,000
D°. N°. 11. 12	3,000
Neckcloths of 16 to a p^{s}.	10,000
D°. Single red Striped	100,000
D°. Single white striped	100,000
Metchelepatam sort must be finer and better, to cost from 25 ā 36 in a Pag°. None coarser.	
Betteellees of 25 yards long	20,000
D°. of 20 yards long	20,000
Must be finer & not rowey, Some striped with small stripes white 20 yards long. They are worse then usuall this year.	
Oringall Betellees, provided be made 20 ℔ C^{t}. cheaper	10,000
Dimities provided be bought 20 or 30 per Cent cheaper, but as fine as these...	3,000
Diapers provided be bought cheaper	2,000
Booke Percallaes none.	
Gulcondah Beteelles none.	
Ginghams white	6,000
D°. Browne	500
D°. white double threed both wayes, all the Ginghams must be as good as formerly bought in M^{r} Foxcrofts time, those lately sent are very bad...	500
Izzarees, provided can be bought to 20 ℔ C^{t}. cheaper; not else	3,000
Cummum Beteelles none.	
Allejaes must be fresh colours	10,000
Saderuncheraes	3,000
Colloway poos	5,000
Sacerguntees—must not be Spotted	3,000
Goacon Cherulaes	3,000
Dungarees none, unless can be had 40 ℔ C^{t}. cheaper, and the[n]	2,000
Romalls according to the sample sent last year to be made at y^{e} ffort	5,000
Ditto Cotton as cheap as possible	25,000
Saile Cloth none unless can be bought 40 ℔ C^{t}. cheaper and all white and made thicker	[30,000]
Pegu stick lack what you can get not exceeding Tons	100
Sallpicades plaine and fflowred	500
Ginghams Coll but must be of all sorts of Cloth Collours mixt, y^{e} last were most grey ¼ part Tawny Bright, ½ gray black and white ¼ hair colour light and sad	15,000
Romalls Silke, must be thicker, broad as the sort of Grubb and cheaper Viz^{t}.	
Grubb Viz^{t}: Of. N°. S: 1:	2,000
N°: 2:— —	2,000
N°: F:— —	4,000
N°: G: N°: 1	8,000
N°. 2.— —	8,000
— —	4,000
Ditto ordinary Viz^{t}: N° 1: — —	10,000
N° 2: — —	10,000
N° 3: — —	10,000

Nillaes of severall Sorts of stripes, and some of small fflowers them of F: A: and C ℔ the Herbert were good, but must be of severall stripes and some small fflowers.

		Ps.
Viz^{t}:	F: A: — —	6,000
	F: B: — —	8,000
Ordinary	F: C: — —	4,000
	A: — — —	4,000
	B: — — —	4,000
	C: — — —	4,000

¼ part Black and white, very small stripes ½ ditto as formerly ¼ very small stripes of severall Coll^{s}.

Sannoes of severall sorts somew^{t} broader but must be cheaper 20 ℔ C^{t}: and then but 20,000

Herba Taffaties, if made good then 2 or 3,000, halfe striped, and most cloth coll and none Reds ... 3,000

Herba Longes none.

Soysies of severall sorts 3,000

Cotton Yarn to be reeled in single Threads not hard spunn. Bales ... ... 400 Bale[s].

No Cowries.

Herba Stuffs made like Chamblets of diverse cloth coll 2,000 p^{s} according to the Patterns called Soeps ... 2,000

What ever new stuffs to send no less then an intire Bale of a Sort.

[Tincall] ... ...[...]	[500]
Saltpeter ... ... Tons	[1,000]
Turmerick ... ... Tons	50

Sattains of all sorts Coll some very good, & some ordinary noe green nor all Silke—Viz^{t}. black, pinck, skie, ffrench yellow Crimson, and some cloth Coll ... ... 1,000 p^{s}.

Mohobutbannes	[1,500]
Allebannes	2,000

Phota Longes; fflowred Longes none.

Jamawars if small and neat fflowers	2,000
Cherconnes according to Patterns	3,000
[Am]orees	500

[E]latches 10 yards long and 1 yard broad most Cloth Coll^{s} 5,000

Reneaschoes of Cotton Viz^{t}. 2,000 ... ... } 3,000
of Ditto Silke 1,000 ... ... }

Chacklaes of sundry stripes and Cloth col^{s}. cheaper or none 2,000

All goods from Hughley, the length and breadth to be inserted in y^{e} Invoice which are not now.

Mullmulls flowred according to a former direction ⅔ small flowers ... ... } 2,000
Thick ⅓—large fflowers ... ... }

Ditto striped with fflowers, but the stripes must be at a great distance, so as there may be a Capacity for the fflowers between 500

Ditto or Doreas with plain stripes as formerly ordered ⅓ 3 stripes ⅓ small stripes, ⅓ large stripes, not above ¼ of an Inch in y^{e} stripes largest, y^{e} finer the better, none Course ... 6,000

Atlasses ½ Ell and naile 8½ yard long few striped yellow and red, the stripes smaller then last, most Cloth Coll^{s} 3,000

Chandenies small striped with variety of neat cloth colours...	4,000	p^{s}.
Orenshees to be made thicker and sad cloth Coll ...	1,000	
Nehellewares	1,000	
Chawters...	1,000	
No Umbers by no means.		
ffine Cossaes as white as possible may be, to be Ell or yard 3 nailes broad, the more desireable ...	6,000	
Mullmulls of all sorts some finer then any yet had & wth out frayes if possible	15,000	
Tanjeebs	6,000	
Seeresickers	4,000	
Serbandes very fine	1,000	
Hammums Ordinary but must be thick and stronger y^{d} & halfe wide	2,000	
Of all the Sorts by the Prudent Mary...	2,000	
Ditto finest provided cheaper. A: B:	1,000	
[ffine] [. . .]	[3,000]	
[Rehings none.]		
Mundells must be 20 yards long, and yard broad in severall Coll^{s}. but the stripes must be in the Warpes, length wayes and not in y^{e} woofe ell broad if possible if not yard broad or else none	[2,000]	
Elatches enough before.		
Taffaties sad Cloth Coll. Viz^{t}:		
Light { 15,000 / 15,000 }	30,000	
whereof ⅓ french yellows, all made stronger the Cloth Coll. most sad, nutmegs, musk, Cinamond.		
Changeable Coll^{s} of severall Sorts	1,050	
Taffaties black, if the silk be dy'd first, else if dy'd after made they prove rotten	2,000	
Ditto full Sky's	1,500	
Ditto Issabella and White, 750 of each	1,500	
Ditto White or Ash to be dyed into black here ½ ell and naile wide and better, double p^{s} 20 yards long, otherwise called Gudburrows	4,000	
Crimson, good Coll^{s}	2,000	
Raw Taffaties but must be better, and evener ...	2,000	
Striped Chyned Taffaties according, as in last direction for Con^{s}.	4,000	
No Pattana Chints.		
Striped Taffaties 10y^{ds}. long 1y^{d}. wide ½ cloth Coll ½ light con	2,000	
9 Silk Longes 5½ y^{d}. or 7 y^{ds}. or 10½ y^{ds}. long full y^{d} or y^{d} ½ quarter broad, one halfe small Checquers y^{e} other halfe strip'd in Warp length wayes ½ cloth Coll^{rs} ½, light wth this direction. 2,000, or fewe or none	20,000	
White Sarcenetts	2,000	
Plush and Velvetts if Good, Crimson, skie, Cherry Mazarine blew that is deep blew for the Velvetts, y^{e} Plush must be Cloth coll^{s}. from sad to light Cloth Coll^{s}.	60	
Silke, A^{s}. none at all unless to be bought at 5 Rup^{s}. the seer to be cleane, and to be sure no Pigg taile		

or short skeynes mixt among it, as the last w^{ch}: came from Cassumbuzar and the long Skeynes in the Bales were very foule and bad Silke and in this case But

Viz^{t}. A:	60		
B:	500		
C:	400		
D:	200	must be all	
E:	200	great Bales.	1,490
F:	80		
G:	30		
H:	20		

I: K: not above 30 bales. You must have a great care it be cleane and bright Coll^{s} with good Gloss	bales	30
White Chyna Silke sorted B: C: D: ...	bales	20
ffloretta Yarn A: 100		
„ B: 50	bales	150
Shellack best and fine from Cassumbuzar no other sort	tons	50

Cloves and Nuttmegs if any to be had at reasonable rates.

We have been strangly abused at Cassumbuzar, first in mixing pig tail among the T: M: A: and sending so many A^{s}. home contrary to order and sending so great a quantity of Yellow Chyna Silke w^{ch} you pay 30 ℔ C^{t}. dearer then the other sort and is worse besides. y^{e} pig taile and short skeynes in T: M: A: the long Skeynes in these Bales were ill coloured and foul silk, wherein we are much wrong'd.

If you can buy A^{s}. throwne cheaper 20 bales ...	20	bales
Sanders or red wood cut in length proper for Kintelage	200	tons

If you want Tonnage, buy w^{t} Cotton Yarn you can, and in want of y^{t} Cotton Wooll of the best to be packed with y^{e} Screwes.

Goods as came by the Interloper W^{m}. and John.

Adakenies according to the Patterns	1,000
Ajant bannes as the Patterns	1,000
Byambannes as they brought	1,000
Corasmannies bought by them	1,000
Soops as the Patterns severall Cloth Coll^{s} 10 y^{ds}. long one y^{d} wide	1,000
Sham Tea severall neat Colours and small works ...	5,000
Zinhitwans most black and white small works ...	5,000

You are to take care that the Conimeer Goods be better packed, being generally so ill packed, that y^{e} Company suffer very great damage and therefore setting all excuses aside, pray take care that they be as well packed there as at the ffort, that is to say better Gunnyes Rapp^{rs} & more Cotton.

Pray take care that yo^{r}. Mullmulls be better packed then they were this last year at Hughley, you should take as great care of them as of the Romalls.

[*Endorsed*:] List of Goods to be provided at Coast and Bay, 1684—N°. 13—rec^{d} ℔ the Kempthorn the 5th June 1685—Entered ℔ S. H.

LIST OF THE COMPANIES PAQUET PER SHIP KEMPTHORNE TO FORT ST. GEORGE.

Kempthor[n]e.

1. Companies general to y^e ffort dated 30 Septemb^r 1684.
2. Copy of the Companies generall 2^d. July 1684.
3. Invoice.
4. Bill of ladeing.
5. Charter party of Kempthorne.
6. Companies letter to the Vice King of Tywan.
7. D^o. to the Queen of Atcheen.
8. Covenants to be Signed and Sealed by John Hill.
9. D^o. for Charles Kenion.
10. List of Bullion Sent out in private trade.
11. Order of Court concerning ffreemen & Unfreemen sending out Money & how to be consigned.
12. List of Ships designed for India this year.
13. List of goods to be provided.
14. Companies letter to Vincatadry and the rest of the Merchants at Madrass.
15. Certificate and order about Tillman.

[*Endorsed*:] List of the Companies pacquet per the Kempthorne. 1684— Rec^d: y^e 5 June 1685 —Entered ℔ S. H.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL LONDON, 26^TH NOVEMB^R 1684.

AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

We have litle to add to the foregoing copy, but to tell you that we have

a complaint of Neckcloths by the Kempthorn.

seen a parcel of fine Neckcloths bought by y^e Presid^t & sent to S^r Josia Child, M^r Papillon, M^r Edwin, &^ca w^ch cost in India 32 for a Pag^o, & those sent us N^o 40 & 41 by y^e Kempthorn cost 35 & 40 for a Pag^o being not half so good, nor selling for half y^e mony as those sent to S^r Josia Child &c w^ch are besides y^e fineness ¼ ℔t broader than y^e Comp^as, & y^t you may see y^e difference we have returned you paterns of each sort, keeping y^e like by us here.

said complaint continued.

We cannot but much wonder y^t we must have y^e trash & refuse goods, when private ℔ sons can have returns in much better, though prohibited that year by us, & y^t cost not more than ¼^d & ½^d more than ours, & yet did sell for more than double what ours did at the Sale. We doe therefore expect y^t satisfacc̃on be made us for y^e overrating of the [coarse] Neckcloths you sent us, & cannot but blame you for sending us such trash goods at so high a price; & y^t you doe exãion yo^r Sorters about it & compare these paterns now returned by y^e Musters on w^ch you made yo^r Contract. However if for y^e future you receive any more of those coarse ones, we expect not to pay above ½ the price of what now invoiced Coarse Neckcloths as well as fine sell generally well if they be not over-rated in y^e cost; & we ought to be provided for all sorts of persons, y^e poor as well as y^e Rich, but we ought not to pay y^e same rate for a mean sort y^t a better may be obtained at.

Samll Cudworth entertained.

Commendations of him.

to be sent to Bengall.

We have entertained into o^r service as ffactor M^r Samuel Cudworth brother of M^r John Cudworth formerly of o^r Comittee. We have an extraord^ry opinion of him, he having with great comenda on served out his time to a Merch^t of this City. He desires to go for Bengal to be placed there in some of y^e subordinate Councils in that Agency; which wee have consented to, & doe accordingly desire you to give y^e like direc on to o^r Agent & Council in y^e Bay.

Orders for Shifts.

directions about them encrease of the Investmt.

We have not menc̃oned any Shifts to be sent us in o^r list; but in regard we conceive they may be (being sold cheap in y^e Drap^rs shops) a means to introduce into more general use y^e wearing of Callicoe in stead of ffrench Holland, or Flanders Cloth, which we apprehend to be a National benefit; we are willing yet to continue sending for them; & therefore we desire you til further order to send us yearly about half the quantity you sent us last year: but let v^e fvner sort be made four, 5 & 6 Inches longer.

And in regard we are like to send you a great Stock this year in mony & goods, w^ch^ may enable you to enlarge o^r^ Investm^t^ beyond y^e^ contents of that list we sent by y^e^ Kempthorn, we would have you for as much as you shalbe able to encrease o^r^ Investm^t^ to make such encrease principally in Such goods as turn us best to acco^t^. for profit; w^ch^ you may see what they are by y^e^ printed paper of our Sale.

We have given strict orders not only to Cap^t^ Goodlad Comand^r^ of y^e^ Adventure, but to our Chief & Council on board that Ship, to get you, if it be possible, some Clove & Nutmeg plants, & also some male Cloves to sow; y^t^ you may nurse them up carefully in o^r^ garden at the ffort, w^ch^ the litle Gardiner we sent you last year knows how to doe. And we would have you give him a great charge to propagate & encrease them as much as possibly he can, that you may in time have plenty of them, to spare to yo^r^ Neighbo^rs^ in that Country; where we have noe reason to believe but they may grow and thrive as well as in y^e^ Islands wherein they grow naturally.

Capt Goodlad orderd to get Plants of Cloves &ca.

to be encreased here.

Having ordered Mr. Cheney the Chief & the rest of the Council on board the Adventure to settle a factory at Mindanao in y^e^ S^o^ Seas we sent you an excellent collection of Plats for sailing in & to those Countries, that if you should have occasion to send any small Vessels that way for yo^r^ own acco^ts^ yo^r^ Masters may find the way thro' the streights of Ballio, or the streights of Tymore.

A Chief & Councill sent to Mindanao in the So. Seas.

We find by an acco^t^. from Our Warehouse Keepers at Leaden hall which We herewith send you, that many of our goods received from your Agency this last year are very much damaged and ill packed and some of them rotten Which We would have you take notice of and See for the future that our goods be well packed, evenly Sorted and kept up to their goodnes as to their Strength, length and breadth.

damage by ill package.

This comes by the Ship Chandois Capt^n^ James Bonnel Comand^r^ on whom is laden the treasure & goods menčoned in her bil of lading & Invoice, whom you are to dispatch as speedily as possibly you can for y^e^ Bay, and let her carry thither all the Silver on board her, if you have not urgent occasion for some part of it, being of infinite advantage to us that our Stock should be early in the Bay. The George is speedily following & shall bring you a large supply of Gold.

Chandois Invoyce & Bill of lading.

Silver to be sent by her to the Bay.

Besides M^r^ Samuel Cudworth before menčoned, we have [selected] M^r^ John Hannam, M^r^ Joseph Loe & M^r^ Joseph Staveley, Factors, whom we would have sent into the Bay to such of o^r^ ffactories where they may be most serviceable.

Compa Servants for the Bay.

We have also entertained M^r^ Jonas Hinde and Abraham Ward his Apprentice to serve us in the Bay as you will find by a l^re^ apart from y^e^ Com^tee^ for secresy, to which we referr.

Jonas Hind for the Bay.

We also send M^r^ Henry Watson a Surgeons Mate; who is to serve us at Hughly or Cassambuzar, (where there is most need) for 5 years at 25^s^ a Month for y^e^ first two years, and 30/^s^ a M^o^ for the 3 last years.

A Surgeons mate for the Bay.

We have permitted M^r^ Joseph Bullock to take his passage on the said Ship to be employed as a Pilot, as there is occasion.

A Pilot sent out.

And so we comit you & our affayrs to the protection of the Almighty, & Remayn

Your loving friends
Joseph Ashe Govern^r^.
Jos^A^ Child Dep^ty^.
Jā. Edward.
Peter Daniel.
Hen: Johnson.
Chris Boone.
W^m^ Sedgwick.
Ri Hutchinson.

Jeremy Sambrooke.
W^m^ Goulston.
Sa^m^ Dashwood.
Edw.^d^ Bouverie.
Tho: Canham.
Tho Cooke.

Post Script.—

We finding that sort of Neckcloths beforemenčoned which you sent S^r^ Josia Child &ca sell extraordinary well, we would have you provide & send us one hundred thousand of them more than are contain'd in our said list.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to the Fort 26 Novemb^{r} 1684,—rec^{d} ℔ the Chandois 15th June 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE. LONDON, 26^{o} NOVEMB^{R} 1684.

Upon the humble petion of Alphonso Rodrigues and others, for permission to unfreemen of this Comp^{a} to transport bullion for India in our Shipping, & leave to consign the same onely to their own friends in India; We have resolved to adhere to our former order. That all bullion shalbe consigned to Our Presid^{t} & one of the Council of Suratt or Fort S^{t} George, and one or two of their own friends, and not otherwise: But that being reced by you Our Presid^{t} & one of the Council aforesaid, it shall imediately be delivered to the Exporters own friends in India, if the Exporters order it so to be by their own letters: (You Our President & such one of the Council to whom the said Bullion shalbe consigned first deducting yo^{r} half Comission of 2 & ½ ℔ Cent, and also 2 ℔ Cent for freight & permission) to return the proceeds thereof in our Ships: For which bullion, paying Two ℔ Cent for y^{e} homeward freight & ℔ mission in East India, We will demand noe more upon y^{e} landing & delivery of it here. And if the said Returns or any part thereof that hath paid y^{e} homeward freight & permission of 2 ℔ C^{t} in East India as aforesaid, shall happen to be lost, We will repay y^{e} said 2 ℔ C^{t}. permission to the Proprietors or Consigners here. We rest

Your loving Friends

JOSEPH ASHE Govern^{r}.
JOS^{A} CHILD Dep^{ty}.
J^{A} EDWARD.
HEN: JOHNSON.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
CHRIS BOONE.
RI. HUTCHINSON.
W^{M} SEDGWICKE.

PETER DANIEL.
SAM DASHWOOD.
EDW^{D} BOUVERIE.
THO: CANHAM.
THO COOKE.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies General to the Fort 26th November 1684–N^{o}. 1—rec^{d} ℔ the Chandois 15th June 1685—Entered ℔ S. H.

An Acco^{t}. reced from the Warehouse at Leaden-hall the 27th. of Novemb^{r}. 1684 concerning the ill package of Goods &c^{a}. that come from y^{e} Coast.

All the Goods from Conemero are very illpacked; some noe wrappers at all, and litle or noe Cotton: the Gunnies very slight and loose, so that the Goods suffer damage though no we^{ll} come at them: they are soiled and rumpled to the Companies loss.

Then from the ffort, and other places, we find in y^{e} middle of a bale of long Sallamp^{o}. &c sometimes a peece that outwardly seems good; but open it, and within have found them perished and rotten. More particularly, this last Shipping ℔ the London, y^{e} white Gingh^{a}. from Madapollam generally Outwardly seemed good, but opening the peeces, & in the midle they were rotten. I cannot judge but this must come from foulding and packing them up before they were dry.

And much of the Red goods, as Allejaes, Callaway poos &c come spotted and mildewed, which the Comp^{a}. are forced here to allow for. let them all be thoroughly dry, before packed.

[*Endorsed*:]. Warehouse keepers acco^{t} of goods ill pack'd–N^{o}. 7–rec^{d} ℔ the Chandois the 15th June 1685—Entered ℔ S. H.

Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland [ffrance &] Ireland Defender of the faith &c^{a}, To John Petit, George Boucher, Simon [Cracroft] Edw^{d} Littleton Greeting. Whereas we are informed by the humble Petition of the

Gov [r &] Comp^{a}. of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies That you the said John [Petit] George Boucher Simon Cracroft & Edw^{d} Littleton were formerly sent by them to the [East] Indies as their servants under Oath & Security for your truth & fidellity. That no[twithstanding] the said Obligation & the obedience you owe to our Commands signified [by our] Royall Charter & Proclamations, you have for severall years last past manifes[tly injured] the said Company in their trade in those parts, indeavouring by many indirec[t means] to lessen their reputation with the Native Kings & Governours of India, and [to break] such Articles & Contracts as the said Comp^{a}. had made with some of them [making others] for the protection of Interlopers & labouring by all ways to promote their trade & Intrest & to lessen that of the Comp^{a}. & also that you the said John Pettit [is] notoriously suspected to have been an Incourager & adviser of the late Rebelli [on att] Bombay. Know yee therefore that we have thought fitt to will & require, [& we doe] hereby will, require and strictly command you the said John Pettit George [Boucher] Simon Cracroft & Edw^{d} Littleton, & every of you upon the ffaith & Allegiance [which] you owe to us within fourteen dayes after our Pleasure shall be signified to [you by] these our Letters of Privy Seal to come for England to answer the premis[es & such] other matters as by the said Company shall be objected against you & hereby [fails] you not upon the pain & perill which shall come of your or any of your [contempt &] neglect of this our Command. Given under our Privy seal att our Pallace [of Westminster] the Twelfth day of November in the Six & Thirtieth year of [our reigne].

THO WAT[KINS.]

[*Endorsed*:]. Coppy of his Maj^{tys}. Privy Seal—℔ Chandois 15th June 1685 —Entered ℔ S. H.

LIST OF THE COMPANIES PAQUET BY THE CHANDOIS FOR FFORT S^{T} GEORGE.

N^{o}. 1. Two of the Comp^{a} Generalls to fort St. George 26th Novem^{r} 1684.
2. Copy of the Comp^{a}. Gen^{l} of 30th Septemb 1684 ℔ Kempthorne.
3. Copy of a list of goods to be provided at Coast & Bay.
4. Invoice of the said Ship.
5. Bill of lading D^{o}.
6. Charterparty of said Ship.
7. Warehouse Keep^{r}s acco^{t}. of goods ill packed &c.
8. Accomptant General's letter to the President &c.
9. Patterns of neckcloths.
10. Keys of Surgery chests.
11. Companies Indulgence.
12. His Ma^{ties}. privy seal for recalling M^{r} Littleton &c.

[*Endorsed*:] List of Chandois Paquet 1684—Rec^{d}: y^{e} 15 June 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL

AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE. LONDON, 29TH FEBRUARY 168$\frac{3}{4}$.

1. With this you have a Copy of our former by y^{e} Resolucon. This we send open in o^{r} Pacquet for y^{e} Bay, because Wee hope it may meet our President there, whome Wee doe hereby desire to send this forward to you, with some paragraphs of our Bay Letter, relating to y^{e} future regulacon of our Factories, which tho' intended principally for y^{e} reformacon of those in y^{e} Bay, may not be impertnent for you to know And if you think convenient to put in practice with respect to some of y^{e} ffactories more imediately subordinate to y^{e} Fort, that performed very ill with Us last year, of which you have been often advised.

2. Our President & Councill in y^{e} Bay will with this advise you what tonage you are to load upon y^{e} Ships he intends to send up, to you, and of everything els he conceives necessary for our service So that untill Wee hear from you, Wee have noe cause of enlargement.

3. The wonderfull great frost Wee have had in England that kept our Ships thus long in y^e^ Ice, in this River; & put us upon y^e^ necessity or [of ?] ordr'ing all y^e^ 3 remaining Ships directly for y^e^ Bay from whence you are to expect y^e^ Medicam^ts^: & other necessaries Wee have Shipt for y^e^ ffort on board y^e^ Defence; & wee have reason to doubt these N: E winds which have held during this long and great ffrost may keepe out our East India Ships & many other Ships now bound into y^e^ Channell.

4. Wee would have you send by every Ship to S^t^. Helena So many Slaves as o^r^ President shall direct you from y^e^ Bay, some Males & some females, as you can meet with them Cheap, And send in every Ship so much Rice, and noe more than you think may serve sufficient for their passage. Order our Cap^ts^: to deliver y^e^ overplus (if there be any) to o^r^ Gov^r^ & Councill at S^t^. Helena. It will be of advantage to Us if you can procure some of y^e^ Males to be Carpenters Smiths or Potters, or of any other manuall trade tho' Wee pay double price for them And it would be very convenient, if some of them could speake a little English, or if not that, Portuguez.

5. Give our Gov^r^. &c. of S^t^ Helena notice of y^e^ particular qualities of any of them that are of Trades &c^a^.

6. Wee would have you with all imaginable dilligence to procure from Zeilon, or Goa, Pepper Plants Ciñamon Plants, & seeds, & from some Dutch Skippers Male Cloves, & if it be possible Nutmeg Plants and bring up a small nursery of such Plants in yo^r^ owne garden. M^r^. Bigrig knows how to give direc̃on to yo^r^ Gardners to keep seed Bedds cleane of weeds, & set out y^e^ young plants in Rowes after y^e^ manner of nurseries in England.

7. This is a matter of vast concernm^t^: to Us & y^e^ Kingdome in generall that from yo^r^ nursery Wee may from time to time supply our Plantac̃ons; & y^e^ young Gardner recom̃ended to Us by y^e^ Bishop of London that went to you by y^e^ Resoluc̃on, is an extraordinary youth for such curiosities.

8. Advise Us what you can doe in this: and what you can doe from time to time.

9. Any Junck that goes to Zeilon for Beetle Nutts may bring you Plants, & seeds of y^e^ Ciñamon Tree as well as Pepper plants, which grow plentifully in y^e^ woods there, as Cap^t^. Knox who was many years a Captive upon that Island, hath assured Us.

10. Send what you can of such plants to S^t^. Helena, but make cages of Wyer over all y^e^ boxes of Earth that containe them, or els the Ratts will eat or bark them round in y^e^ Voyage, as they did two Ciñamon plants by Cap^t^. Nicholson from Batavia.

11. The male Clove (which is y^e^ onely prolific sort) is not like others but thick without any head; & as big as 4 ordinary cloves.

12. Wee are sending a Ship of 300^ts^: to Syam, which wee hope may be with you from thence, about this time 12 M^os^: with his loading of Tutenage & Copper, Cap^t^: Wouldhane is Com̃ander of her and by her Wee have ordered our Chief and ffactors at Syam to become Subordinate to your Presidency.

13. Wee have ordered them likewise to endeavour to gaine conveyance for some Lett^rs^. Wee have now writt to y^e^ Emperour of Japan and the Govern^r^ of Nangeseck, & to send you y^e^ answers they receive, which if be encourageing Wee would have you send a small Ship with a small Cargoe from y^e^ ffort, & Presents, with 3 or 4 sufficient ℔sons as Ambassado^rs^ to y^e^ Empero^r^: & to settle a ffactory for whose deportm^t^: you may gather sufficient instruc̃on from y^e^ Dutch, their former proceedings; which you may read at large in y^e^ two printed histories of China & the History of Japan.

14. If our said Letters should have better success then Wee hope for & you should have occasion to send to Jappan as aforesaid you were best send away y^e^ Ship with y^e^ first of your Westerly Monsoon in Aprill, that she may have time to

stay at Syam to fill up her loading of Deer-skins; which is y^e^ onely proper comodity Wee know for Japan from Syam. What is most proper from your place you will be better informed there than wee can tell you, but Wee suppose most kinds of fine Callicoes, Pepper, Bengall raw Silke & some English cloth & Lead; both which are Comodities at y^e^ Lampaco Islands if wee should faile of admission at Japan.

15. Wee have likewise given order to our Chief & Councill at Syam to get that Kings Chop for a fortifyed Settlem^t^: at Pollo Ludda, or some such Island near Syam, & for y^e^ inheritance of such a place & if they obtaine to send you a Copy of y^e^ Chop with a discripcon of the place, number & quality of y^e^ Inhabitants, & what ever els is requisite at large Which if you like wee would have you make a small fortifycation upon; as soon as you can, that may secure our People from danger, without staying for o^r^ further ord^rs^. concerning it.

16. Whereever we setle, if we can once secure o^r^ selves, and the Country be our owne, Wee doubt not but Wee shall dayly grow stronger & be resorted unto by y^e^ Chineses & many other Inhabitants All wee aim at is a fitt place for Pepper, & for a Capitall residence for our Agency, & security of our South Sea Trade, that may be our owne, as Batavia is to y^e^ Dutch.

17. Study all y^e^ wayes you can invent with our Stock & by Portuguez & particular Merchants, to fill your Warehouses with Pepper, which is risen 2^d^ ℔ pound already in Europe, & will abroad be engrossed by y^e^ Dutch if they can effect it.

18. Wee have for y^e^ encouragement of your selves & y^e^ rest of o^r^ ffactors in India, made our order and published it; That what Bullion goods or Merchandizes shalbe sent out; by any of the Adventurers, is to be consigned to our Presidents Agents or ffactors or some of them in India, & to noe others, & that the Investments thereof are to be made by our said Presidents Agents &c ffacto^rs^. and to be returned to England on y^e^ Companyes Shipping and noe other.

19. And finding that some of our Ships laden by you doe greatly breake in their Tonage for want of an equall distribucon of fine and Gruff goods to be put on board them, by which also y^e^ Owners fall much short of their accustomed freights Wee doe hereby desire & enjoyn you, that when [two] or more of our Ships are together in port, taking in goods, you wilbe carefull that they may have a just proporcon both of fine & gruff goods allotted them, according to their Tonage but where you shall thinke fitt to dispeed an early Ship to Us alone, in such case Wee would have you lade as many fine goods on her as conveniently you can, w^ch^: may turne Us to best advantage.

20. The 9^th^ instant arrived in y^e^ Downes the Persia Merchant from Surratt She was in Comp^a^: of the President from Surratt and the Surratt Merchant from Batavia and Sillebar 100 Leagues to the Westward of the Landsend the 12^th^ December last, but by a Violent storme they were parted and drove back to y^e^ Westward since which Wee have an acco^t^: that y^e^ President Cap^t^: Jonathan Hide in making the Channell in y^e^ night time, by a violent storm was cast away on the Rocks of Helstone in Mounts Bay in Cornwall on y^e^ 11^th^ instant, all her men saving two being drown'd and most of her Cargoe Wee fear also is lost, if not all of it, tho' all means possible is used, to see what can be saved thereof, the Surratt Merchant is not yet arrived but dayly expected.

21. Since y^e^ writing y^e^ foregoing, Wee have appointed the John and Mary burden 150^ts^ Cap^t^ Joshua Woodland Comander (designed at first directly for the Bay) to Saile to the ffort, and on her have sent the Medicines and other necessaries for your ffactory, which being taken on Shore, you are to dispeed her for the Bay w^th^: direccons to follow the orders of our President Agent and Councill there.

22. These comes to you by the ship John and Mary burthen 150 tons Cap^t^ Joshua Woodland Comander on whom We have sent Medicines & other things necessary for your ffactory, which being taken on Shore, you are to dispeed her for the Bay with direccons to the Comander to follow such orders and instruccons

as he shall receive from our President Agent and Councill for his further proceedings.

23. We have taken security for Mr Clement Jordan in 1000£, for ye faithful discharge of his trust; & have sent herewith his Covts & bond for performance: wch being signed & sealed before witnesses, are to be returned to us.

So comending you & or affayrs to ye protecc̃on of ye Almighty, We remayn

Yor Loving friends

[Fran : Tyssen.]	Ja : Edwards.	John Banks Govr.
	Tho Cooke.	Jeremy Sambrooke Deptv.
[Jam : Ward.]	Peter Daniel.	Josa Child.
	Wm : Jarrett.	Thomas Davall
Joseph Herne	C. Banks.	

Our President & Councell at Fort St. George. London, this 2d Aprill 1684.

Wee now send you severall ffactors, and Writers to supply the occasions of our severall ffactories, and Probably by privalent Importunities are Supernumerar's; who Wee hope will answer the recomendations given Us of them, But if any of these, or the others formerly sent, prove either negligent, debauched, or not fitt for our Service, Wee strictly enjoyn you, wth : out favour or affection; to dismiss them our Service, and send them home; which order Wee leave to your prudence to be published, the better to keepe them in awe, and to answer the Companies ends. Wee remaine

Your Loving Friends

	Jeremy Sambrooke Deptv.
Josa Child.	Berkeley.
	Joseph Ashe.
	Thomas Davall.
Ri Hutchinson.	Jam : Ward.
Wm : Jarrott.	Wm. Sedgwicke.
Edward Rudge.	Chris Boone.
John du Bois.	Fran Tyssen.
	Tho Cooke.

[*Endorsed* :] Compas : Genll to the Fort dated 2d Aprill 1684—recd ℔ John & Mary 23d June 1685—Entered ℔.S.H.

Our President & Council at Fort St. George. London, 5th April 1684.

The Ship John and Mary being in ye Downs bound for your Port and the Bay when the Kempthorn arrived, who this day brought us yor lres of the 6th & 10th of Septembr, we have only time to advise you of their receipt and of our approbac̃on of yor discreet managemt of or affayrs & particularly yor indefatigable pains & care in preventing the designs of the 5 Interlopers, & the good success of those endeavrs. But are much troubled, yt none of or Coast Ships except the New London were then arrived. We have not els to add, but that we remayn, & doe hope the like care will be taken in the Bay as hath beene wth you, to prevent the Interloping Ships.

Yor very loving friends
John Banks Govr.
Jeremy Sambrooke Deptv.

[*Superscribed* :] For the Right Worll. the President & Councell for the English Nation at ffort St George.

℔. John & Mary. These.

[*Endorsed* :] Compas. Genll to the Fort dated 5th Aprill 1684—recd ℔ John & Mary 25d June 1685—Entered ℔.S.H.

LIST OF THE PACQUET BY THE JOHN AND MARIE.

1. Companies Generall to ffort S^{t} George dated 29th ffebruary 1683.
2. Copie of y^{e} Comp^{ss} grall ditto, dated 21th Decembr 1683 by the Ship Resolution.
3. Invoyce of the John & Mary.
4. Bill of ladeing ditto.
5. Charter p^{r}ty ditto Shipp.
6. Indenture of Covenante & bond to be sealed ℔ M^{r} Clement Jordon.
7. Indulgence private trade.
8. Keys of the Surgery Chests.

[*Endorsed* :] List of the Pacquet ℔ John & Mary—Rec^{d} y^{e} 23 June 1685—Entered ℔.S.H.

[NOTE.—The letter to Fort St. George dated 2nd July 1684, pp. 284–95 of Vol. V is a copy of the one already printed, *vide* pp. 87–93 *ante*.]

OUR CHIEF & COUNCIL AT TYWAN. LONDON, 2^{D} JULY 1684.

We have a copy of yo^{r} lre of 31th Jan^{y} 1683 by y^{e} Kent, unto o^{r} late Agent & Council of Bantam then resident at Batavia. And by o^{r} general Rules & orders it being declared, y^{t} all disorderly & debauched ℔sons should be discharged from o^{r} service; We having certain informacon of y^{e} misbehavio^{r} & dissolute carriage of M^{r} Tho: Aungier, & of his excessive intemperance in drinking, doe hereby dismiss him from o^{r} service, & from all salary & benefit accruing thereby; & doe appoint M^{r} Tho: Woolhouse to be Chief of o^{r} factory at Tywan, & M^{r} Solomon Loyd to be second to him in Council. And in regard we are not yet restored to o^{r} possessions at Bantam, We doe appoint you here after to be subordinate unto o^{r} Presid^{t} & Council of ffort S^{t} George, & to follow all such orders as you shall receive from them.

We have yet seen noe letter from y^{e} King of Tywan, & we wish Tunsinko may prove a better Gov^{r} or spie upon yo^{r} affayrs than his Predecesso^{r} was. You must often press upon him & y^{e} Hoquoh the necessity of treating us better, & giving quicker dispatch to o^{r} Ships & o^{r} busines; & ye great advantage they would gain by o^{r} trade, if they would but take o^{r} goods & let us have theirs at such prices y^{t} we might be Gainers by them: whereas now having noe profit to [answer] o^{r} charge, we doe but peddle on with them, just enough to preserve o^{r} acquaintance & friendship with them, until they may have a peace with y^{e} Tartars: In w^{ch}: case, & upon their better usage of us, we could as well send them ten ships as one &c. And you must be always complayning & lamenting (as they call it) to their great men, or they will never believe you are in earnest; being (as you have reason to know) y^{e} cunningest & most subtil Dissembling people y^{t} are to be mett with in any part of y^{e} World.

Finding to o^{r} repeated loss, y^{t} the long lying of an Europe Ship in yo^{r} Port does more than eat out all y^{e} profit, we have now ordered o^{r} Presid^{t} & Council [at Fort] S^{t} George to send you a freighted Ship from thence & o^{r} factory at Atcheen, with such a q^{ty} of Pepper, peeces of 8 Rs, Callicoes, & other goods of Europe & India, as they shall think may turn us best to acco^{t}: Of w^{ch} make speedy sales & send y^{e} full returns, with whatever you can get in of o^{r} old Remayns, in any China Comodities you can procure, consigned to o^{r} said Presid^{t} & Council.

You may acquaint y^{e} King & y^{e} Hoquoh, y^{t} we have at Madrass a great city, in w^{ch} doe inhabit many thousands of Inhabitants, & otherwise as you shalbe, directed by o^{r} Presid^{t} & Council: & be very urgent wth y^{e} King, y^{t} some of his Subjects may go thither on y^{e} Ship to see y^{e} place, be acquainted with y^{e} Presid^{t} &c. And to bring him a true acco^{t}. of all things. To which purpose you may let: y^{e} Merch^{t} he sends have freight on o^{r} Ship for his goods on moderate terms to & from Madrass: And you may engage yo^{r} selves for y^{e} return of y^{e} Merch^{t} y^{e} King shall send to y^{e} ffort without any lett or hindrance of o^{r} Governo^{r} or any of o^{r} people.

For what more is fit to be advised you, we refer you to such orders & instruccons as you shall receive from o^{r} said Presid^{t} & Council.

You did well to return to Batavia those Europe goods y^{t} would not sell there; & if you have any Bayes or other Goods yet by you, & will not sell, & there be room in y^{e} small Vessell y^{t} brings you this, we would have you send them by her to o^{r} Presid^{t} & Council aforesaid: For we would have nothing ly dead in any Out-factory, but returned to o^{r} general Magazin at y^{e} Fort.

We have not els to add, but comending you & o^{r} affayrs to the guidance & protection of y^{e} Allmighty, We remayn

Your loving friends

Joseph Ashe Govern^{r}.	Peter Daniel.
Jos^{A} Child Dep^{ty}.	Tho: [Cooke.]
W^{M}: Turner.	Tho: Canham.
John Moore.	Henry [Serle.]
Joseph Herne.	Thomas Davall.
Edw^{D}: Bouverie.	John du Bois.

[*Endorsed*:]—Companies Generall to Tywan dated 2^{d} July 1684—Overland.

Right Worp^{ll} & our Hon^{ble} Employers. Tonqueen, y^{e} 26 Xber 1682.

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} advises by the Tonqueen Merch^{t}. we have reced; & used our endeavo^{rs} to invest her Cargo in such goods as were this year procurable: Since we were sensible y^{t} notwithstanding o^{r} utmost diligence it would be impossible exactly to cumply with yo^{r} Hono^{rs} injunctions for Pelongs died in y^{e} Silk before woven: Flowerd Peneascoes & Geelings are not to be had at any rates: Velvets we forbear, not being able to get them made according to direccons reced by y^{e} Barnardiston as formerly advised.

Yo^{r} Hono^{rs} are pleased to take notice of several sorts of Silks y^{t} should come from this Port, strong & good, such as are usually worn in England; But we crave leave to acquaint yo^{r} Hono^{rs}, y^{t} it hath been o^{r} hard fortune never to see any such & with submission doe presume it wilbe impossible to persuade these people to imitate any new fancies of playn or strip'd Silks; since we & y^{e} Dutch could never yet prevail with them to alter y^{e} breadth & length of their Pelongs, tho' we spared noe charge or labo^{r} to effect it: The reason, we suppose may be, because their first & surest trade, was & is still to Japon, & all their peece goods are just a fit patern for y^{e} garb in fashion there.

China Cod-Musk it has been o^{r} good fortune to meet with allmost all y^{t} came down this year, w^{ch} we now remit for yo^{r} Hon^{rs} acco^{t}: Otherwise we could not have made full Investm^{ts} in any time; ffor y^{e} Tonqueen Merch^{t}, arrived not before y^{e} Barr till the 19th July, & it was y^{e} midle of Augst before we could make an end with y^{e} King Prince & Mandorins, w^{ch} was too late for us to hope to give her an early dispatch in this troublesom Country especially in so unhappy a season; the last years famin having swept away according to y^{e} modestest computacon, one fifth part of the people; and so impoverished y^{e} rest, y^{t} it was not safe to give out yo^{r} Hono^{rs} treasure; & without it were first distributed amongst y^{e} Weavers, there was noe hopes of procuring any q^{ty} of Goods: Soe y^{t} we yo^{r} Servants here resident, are in great ℔plexity how to act. We were satisfied it was safest to employ those private Merch^{ts} Domingos Hieu Tho &c substantial & responsible Men, as M^{r} Tho: James formerly very prudently did; & we had at last prevailed with them to undertake it. But M^{r} Keeling contrary to o^{r} sense, & without asking any of us advice, did publiquely in their p^{r}sence demand of y^{e} Pelang Merch^{ts} (being then mett at our house to make y^{e} prices of goods) whether they would trade imediately with yo^{r} Hono^{rs}, or thro' a second hand? pretending, y^{t} tho' we made a price with them, yet they should receive, noe monys without paying so much per Cent; which with some other dirty language he gave Domingos, was y^{e} cause y^{t} he refused to stand to his word: So were forced to employ y^{e} Pelang Merch^{ts} themselves, or

make noe returns which yet we did with as much caution as possible we could devise, joyning 3 or 4 in each obligacon, & making them joyntly & severally lyable for the whole. Notwithstanding all which caution, y^e^ miserable afflicon this Country lay under last year, has so impoverished y^e^ Merch^ts^ y^t^ about y^e^ latter end of 9^ber^ last, finding they could not comply in any time most of them absconded & fled into y^e^ Country: Some we did prevail with to return & have paid us part of their debts; but there is yet about 4000 Tail standing out; the major part of w^ch^ we fear wilbe lost; tho' assure yo^r^ Hono^rs^ there shalbe noe diligence wanting in us to get in as much as we possibly any ways can. The Dutch were forced to trust y^e^ same men we did & are under y^e^ same Premunire, & all private Merch^ts^ are loosers by them, more or less. How to act next year we shalbe wholly at a nonplus: To give out yo^r^ Hon^rs^ mony before hand without a positive order, we shall not dare; & if it be not given out, there is noe hopes of getting any goods so as to dispatch y^e^ Ship in any reasonable time. What M^r^ Keeling designed by this we cannot readily fathom: for yo^r^ Hono^rs^ will find he has excepted ag^t^ a clause of M^r^ Tho: James last lre in 81 wherein said M^r^ James endeavo^rs^ to show yo^r^ Hono^rs^ his fears lest you might sustayn a loss by yo^r^ mony being scattered amongst the poor Weavers: he does there declare we had noe reason to fear, since those two private Merch^ts^ were bound to make good all losses; & yet he will not allow us to make use of the same means to secure yo^r^ Hono^rs^ concerns. This we are sure of, He has given us a great deal of trouble & vexation, & been y^e^ cause, y^t^ yo^r^ Hono^rs^ are like to sustain a great loss if not the total ruin of yo^r^ trade to this Port; for we fear, never any man wilbe perswaded for the future to run so great a hazard as Domingos &c^a^ formerly did.

We observe yo^r^ Hon^rs^ injunctions on us, & yo^r^ demands on this King, to be better used in the prices of Goods &c. First, as to o^r^ selves we have always used o^r^ utmost endeavo^rs^ to further o^r^ Masters interest; & know y^t^ when y^e^ prices are made, (which is always done publiquely for all Strang^rs^ & has been done by y^e^ Dutch for these several years last past) There is noe buying one cheaper than another. As to the goodnes of y^e^ peece goods, we are very sensible to o^r^ great trouble, y^t^ they grow yearly worse & worse.

Tho' noe trade be more beneficial to King & Country than this of Tonqueen, for we bring litle in except ready mony, & carry litle out but y^e^ manufactures & superfluities of his Country, & doe employ near half his poor people in making peece goods & Raw Silk; yet he is so farr from desiring or encourageing trade, that he endeavo^rs^ nothing more than to drive all Strangers from his Port; & will certainly in a short time effect it, things continue in their present posture. The Dutch who have been so beneficial to this Port by their long trade, had noe further reward this year, from y^e^ old King, than to be ordered out of the Country, onely for misplaceing some words in a letter y^e^ General of Batavia sent him in China characters desiring redress of some grievances. But he departing this life y^e^. 12^th^. 7^br^ last; by a considerable Present in Gold to his Son, & feeing some of his Courtiers, they at last obtained respit til they can receive answer from Batavia.

When we desired y^e^ Kings leave to dispatch o^r^ Ship, he ordered us to bring a good q^ty^ of Saltpetre, Brimston, & Longcloth next Shipping, which if we failed to doe, ye Mandorins had order to tell us y^t^ we must expect noe better usage than y^e^ Dutch had this year: Of which have now advised y^e^ Council for y^e^ Agency of Bantam.

Yo^r^ Hono^rs^ lre to y^e^ King, with another to y^e^ Emperor of Japon, we did deliver: Concerning that to himself he sends noe answer; neither doe we find him anything kinder to us for what you write. As to that to the Empero^r^ he onely says, he had noe correspondence with him, so cannot assist us in that: Neither will any China Jounk adventure to carry it, tho' it were to a private Man, much less to the Empero^r^. But we presume it may be done from Syam, that King having a yearly correspondency to Japon, & being a great Encourager of all Trade.

We are much surprized w^ch^ way yo^r^ Hono^rs^ should be assured y^t^ there is a constant trade carryed on between Manhillas & this Port, whereas to some of

knowledge here has been noe Vessel from thence for these 6 or 7 years last past; & y^e^ two last y^t^ did trade hither were both lost in returning. So y^t^ we are forced to remit y^e^ Colchester Bays, or let it lie here & rott, having noe hopes ever to send one ell thereof: for the Tonqueen^rs^ would not so much as look on it; Otherwise we should have thought o^r^ selves happy in being any ways serviceable to yo^r^ Hono^rs^, or o^r^ native Country.

The King of Syam has sent several Jounks to this Port, of which he never yet saw any returns; for their Cargoes being small, & y^e^ fees Presents &c charges of this Country so great, y^t^ tho' they spent all, yet they scarcely found enough to satisfy y^e^ avarice of these unreasonable people. M^r^ Sam: Baron being y^e^ last year in Syam, did perswade that King, contrary to his own inclinac̃ons, to adventure once more, consigning y^e^ Cargo to him; but with noe better success, for he has already run out y^e^ whole Stock, & hardly yet free from trouble.

Chinaware this Port affords none; & as to lacquered ware, tho' we could not comply with yo^r^ orders, yet have filled up y^e^ Ship with such as were at present procurable. We had bespoke a great q^ty^ of Skreens; but finding y^e^ boards bad & subject to worms, & y^e^ workmen not able to comply with yo^r^ order & o^r^ desires, have sent only ten payr for a trial: And if for y^e^ future you think fit to order more, judge it necessary to send us boards ready made to what size yo^r^ Hono^rs^ shall think most convenient, with patterns drawn on papers, of what figures & fancies you please to have on y^e^ borders; for without such instruc̃ons, we see litle hopes to bring those people to make anything y^t^ is ingenious & curious.

In obedience to yo^r^ injunc̃ons we have endeavoured y^e^ consumption of y^e^ woollen manufactures, & have sold more Cloth since this Ship arrived than in y^e^ two years last past: But y^e^ q^ty^ rec̃ed is (we fear) greater than this Port will vend in 2 or 3 years; & some of y^e^ Colo^rs^ altogether improper for this market. For y^e^ future as wel Broad cloth & Cloth Rash as Perpetuanaes, yo^r^ Hono^rs^ may send Scarlet, Red, Green & Black; & noe other colo^rs^ whatsoever.

We must now advise yo^r^ Hon^rs^ with o^r^ present condic̃on, having neither Hous nor Goodown y^t^ is fit to venture o^r^ ℔sons or yo^r^ Goods in: And Trade is so discourageing y^t^ we dare not solicite for what is convenient; yet shalbe forced this year to rebuild o^r^ houses at Hien, for they cannot possibly stand another year. And y^e^ Goodown in so bad a condition y^t^ 'tis beyond our expectac̃on it yet stands. We shalbe as frugal in o^r^ expences as possible, ffor if yo^r^ Hon^rs^ find noe encouragem^t^ in y^e^ expence of y^e^ known manufacture of this Port in England, from hence we can give none: And then if you should withdraw this factory, all o^r^ expences wilbe quite lost. And truly, with submission to yo^r^ Hon^rs^ judgm^t^, we cannot apprehend this trade worth following any longer.

Thus having laid before yo^r^ Hon^rs^ the present state of o^r^ affayrs in this unhappy Country, humbly referr it to yo^r^ judicious consid^con^ & remayn

Your Hon^rs^ most humble & obedient Servants

WILLIAM HODGES.
GEORGE TASHE.
HENRY IRETON.
LE: BLACKMORE.

[*Endorsed*:] Copy of Tonqueen Generall to the Company dated 26 Xber 1682—Rec^d^ ℔ Tonqueen Merch^t^. Overland—No. 4—rec^d^ 11 July 1685—Entered ℔S. H.

OUR CHIEF AND FACTORS AT TONQUEENE. LONDON 2^d^ JULY 1684.

This goeing to you by way of ffort S^t^ George we shall only informe you, that we on further consideration of o^r^ affairs have put your ffactory under the Government and direction of our President and Councill of ffort S^t^ George whom we have appointed; if they have time to gett a Cargo of Pepper and some Goods of the Coast of Chormandel as well as of those small quantityes of Europe Goods you desired ready to be suddainly put on board the Dragon att Atcheene Captaine ffenn

Comander, whom we have freighted for your place to depart the Downs in September next, and to make but a Short stay for refreshment and to take in there what our President and Council aforesaid, shall order our Chiefe and ffactors at Atcheene to put on board him for your place. So that from us she is like to bring you only such a proportion of Treasure, as we shall designe there.

By the Ship we shall write you more largly and give a particular answer to all the materiall paragraphs of yo^{r} letter by Captaine Knox.

The said Ship Dragon we intend shall return from Tonqueen directly back to us, stopping only at Atcheene in her return for refreshment, and to fill up her vacant tonnage with Pepper, that we may pay no dead freight upon her home as we did upon Cap^{t}. Knox by reason of the loss of Bantam.

We having by our generall rules appointed all debauched & disorderly persons to be discharged our Service & understanding that M^{r} Henry Ireton is a person much addicted to excessive drinking, we have therefore thought fitt to dismiss him from his present Employment & from all Sallary & other advantages thereto belonging and do order him to be sent home by y^{e} first opportunity. We have not else to add but comending you and our affairs to y^{e} Guidance and Protection of y^{e} Almighty We remaine

Your Loving ffriends

Henry Serle.		
W^{m}: Turner.		Joseph Ashe Gov^{r}.
Thomas Davall.	John Moore.	Jos^{h} Child Dep^{ty}.
John du Bois.	Edw^{d}. Bouverie.	Tho: Canham.
Peter Daniel.	[Tho Cooke.]	Joseph Herne.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to Tonqueene dated 2^{d}. July 168^{4}.

Note.—Letter from the Company to the Chief & Council at Tywan dated 2nd July 1684, pp. 308–311 of Vol. V is a copy of the one already printed; *vide* p. 119–20 *ante* and note on p. 137 *infra*.]

List of the Pacquett Overland.

1. Companyes Generall to ffort S^{t} George dated 2 July 1684.
2. Copy of the Tywan Generall to Batavia dated 31 Jan^{ry}. 168$\frac{3}{4}$.
3. Comp^{a} Generall to Tywan dated 2 July 1684.
4. Copy of Tonqueen Generall to y^{e} Company dated 26 Decemb^{r}: 1682.
5. Comp^{a} Generall to Tonqueen dated 2 July 1684.
6. Comp^{a} Generall to the Bay dated 2 July 1684.

[*Endorsed*:] List of the pacquet Overland—rec^{d} 11 July 1685.—Entered ℔ S. H.

Our Agent and Councell at Hugly. London, 3^{d}: October 1684.

1. The premises of the 2^{d}: July are copy of our last to you; w^{ch}: we Confirme since which hath arrived with us from your Place the Prudent Mary and the Herbert; with meane Cargoes for the great Stock we sent you; tho in the meane time we have Received 6: Shipps from Fort S^{t}: George and the Subordinate Factory's thereunto.

2. Your Letters by the said two Shipps are as disatisfactory to us as those we formerly Rec^{d}; haveing in them no Perticular Acco^{t}: concerning the most essentiall part of our business Viz. How and when you disposed of our Stock; how much to Cassimbazar; how much to Dacca; Maulda, and the rest; when it was Coyn'd and when delivered into the hands of our Respective Cheifs'; of which we expected a Perticular Acco^{t}: in your Letter of the distribution of our Treasure to the severall ffactoryes.

3. The puting off our Europe Goods at Ballasore was well, if Mr. Fitzhugh had not sent us so many deare Sannoes in the Roome of them; by w^ch^: we shall be very great loosers, as we have been formerly upon the like trucking occasion.

4. Cap^t^: Lake did very ill in bringing home that woman, but he did so worthily and like a brave Englishman, in Rescueing M^r^. Ellis out of the hands of those Barbarians and in preserveing the Berkeley Castle at Sea, that we have overlook't that great fault and some others in him, which otherwise we should not have done.

5. Notwithstanding what you say of the Persia Trade we intend yearly according to our former oder [*sic*] that you shall provide two or three hundred Tonn's of the very best Suggar; of which Sort if it be, we are satisfyed it will not all Runn to Syrass in the times of the Raines as you say; besides it is no small conveniency to our affayres; that you should be allwayes in a Condition to give one Shipp an Employment in case we should at any time send you more Tonnage then you can possibly Lade home.

6. Wee have now we hope so just and Prudent a Councell in the Bay that we shall more then ever expect you should buy our Goods Cheap in the time of Raine; and sort better and when you have occasion take up money upon cheaper tearmes then hath been formerly mean Performances will not now serve from such men as you are; our expectations are great from you; great promises made by your Perticular friend's that we shall see an evident perspicuous and demonstrable melioration of all our affayres in those ffactorys now we have submitted them so entirely to the conduct of M^r^: Beard M^r^: Charnock and M^r^: Ellis and those honest Gentlemen we sent from hence to be of our Councell at Hugly.

7. Wee are very well satisfyed very fine Goods may be had from Bennarrás and of all sort's that have not been seen in England w^ch^: will turne to an extraordinary Acco^t^: and therefore we would have you improve that Manufacture, and we expect that M^r^: Dodd should deal faithfully by us in that trust without makeing any sinister Advantage to himselfe which hath been too much practice in the Bay; and it must be your infinite care to prevent our new men from taking up those vile old Custom's by imitation of their Predecessors.

8. You say the English freemen in the Bay are Ready and willing to pay us 2 ℔ C^t^: Consolage provided we could protect them; wee answer we shall protect them as we doe our selves and admit them to a Participation of our Priviledges w^ch^: they doe enjoy so as they carry on their Trade with their owne Money and Good's without collouring any of the Natives Good's or Merchandizes; but for Petty Bribes now and then you know we are forc't to undergoe for avoyding of trouble and so must they; and therefore we say Possitively as you have any Regard for our Service we require you to compell all that live in the Bay to pay us the said 2 ℔ C^t^: Consulage and for such as doe refuse so Reasonable and just a Proposall seize their Persons and effect's wherever you can finde them and send them us to ffort S^t^: George to be proceeded against & try'd in our Court's of justice there as Interlopers tradeing contrary to his Maj^ties^: Charter; and in the meanetime expose them to the Native Governours as men that have no Right nor are to enjoy any benifitt of our Priviledges.

9. Wee shall endeavour to Persuade our three Deck't Shipps to goe as high as the Island of Ingerlee.

10. You are now a Councell consisting of a competent number of discreet Sober knowing men that have had experience of the affayres of the world and as we have given you great Powers over all the rest of our Factory's if you will be accordingly obey'd and Reverenc't such Reverence from your inferiours must be obtain'd by your owne just faithfull and sober conversation that as you are above all our Servant's at Bengall you may be an example to Lead them into the way of Righteousness and faithfullness to the Company and Sobriety in their lives that after many essayes wee may at last see a flourishing settlem^t^: of the Comp^as^ business in that Principal Part of India w^ch^: for above twenty yeares hath labour'd under distraction and knavery of one kind or other.

11. We hope likewise that for the future in stead of filling our Letters with complaints and invectives you will give us cause to change our stile into Encomium's and Commendations of your wise honest and Regular Proceeding's as we have in all our letters to our present Generall and Councell of Surrat and our President and Councell of Fort S^{t}: George.

12. With this we send you the printed Cargo of the Interloper W^{m}: and John and intend to send the Print of her sale if we can procure it; to the intent that you may see what kind of new Goods she brought and how they sold here for your Government in provideing for us such as you finde turn'd best to Acco^{t}.

13. Upon this occasion we must tell you that the Interlopers have in nothing juster cause to boast then this; that notwithstanding our Councells are constantly Resident upon the Place and have alway's our orders and Money beforehand and time to provide new and fine sorts of Goods; and they come to the Bay but for a short time and as it were by stealth and yet they bring home more in proportion of those new desireable Good's by farr then our Shipps which is such an unanswerable Reproach to those that mannaged our affayres formerly that we hope you will Remove it from your doores.

14. Wee find among your Silke N^{o}: A some small Skeynes of Silke packt; w^{ch}: small Skeynes are of a meaner quallity then the long Skeynes by about 3os: ℔ [lb:]pray enquire perticulerly how this happens and where it was done that those that are in fault may beare the blame for we are exceeding loosers by it; In Generall all your Raw Silk by the Herbert and Prudent Mary comes so excessive deare [that] there is little or nothing got by most of it; in so much that tho all [your] Silke bee Invoyc't among Cassimbazar Good's some of us are in great doubt whether it were all bought at Cassimbazar and sent you from thence by M^{r}: Charnock and whether a great part of it were not bought at Hugly or some other place contrary to our orders; about w^{ch}: make strict enquiry and let us know the certainty; it being hard for us to beleive that such deare and false Packt Silke could come from Cassimb^{r}: because we never observed so apparent neglect or abuse in the Package formerly.

15. Plaine Taffatyes of all sorts are certainly the most staple Commodity that India affords and it is impossible for you ever to send us too many of them let it be your constant care to procure all that Possibly you can and if for want of Dyer's you cannot have so many as you would made of dy'd Silke; get however what you can of them and send us the rest Raw Taffatys w^{ch}: our drapers have found a way to dy and gloss here much better then formerly.

16. The Cloth from Dacca proves well this yeare the only failure is we have too little of it let that ffactory be constantly and largely supply'd with money and send us from thence and Maulda all the Mullmulls and Tanjeebs you can possibly procure to the full extent of our List allso strip't Mullmulls some large but most small stripes; Cossaes what you can get, and a good quantity of flower'd Mullmull's the flowers to bee wrought upon the finest Mullmulls and 5: or 600 peeces to be wrought variously some with Silke and Silver some wth: silke and Gold; and some wth: Gold and Silver.

17. Of fine and orderly Nillaes send us at least 30,000 ps; of Collour'd Ghinghams a Large quantity; Gulpombaes as many as can be gott deep Yallows the same as by the Herbert; of Gotboscoes Likewise such as by the Herbert all you can procure of Adethaes 5000 ps; Junoes strip't 4 or 5000 ps; of Neckcloths flowered as many as can be gott fine and midleing and some wrought at the ends with Gold and Silver; of Romall's ordinary and all other sort's of Romall's as many as you can procure possibly, Dooreas small strip't upon fine Mullmulls 4 or 5000 Peece's; of broad stripes Ditto 1 or 2000 ps of fine Shellac w^{t}: you can get these are the Principall Commoditys in Request which occur [to] our memoryes on a suddaine being now entring on our Sale after w^{ch}: we shall form a compleat list of whatever we would hav provided in your parts which you may expect by the next Shipp in the mean time be stirring early for the provision and increase

of our Investment in the Commodity's aforesaid that you may send us a fuller and Larger supply of them then ever we had w^ch^: can never be obtained except you doe in the very first Place supply Cassimbazar Dacca and Maulda with large Stocks of money and give them order to take up more at a moderate Interest before our Bullion be Coyn'd at Rajamahall for the just ꝑformance whereof we shall have a principall dependance upon Agent Beard bacause he hath seen w^t^: excessive dammage hath accrew'd to us these two Last yeares by the late and meane Supply of those ffactoryes.

18. Altho our Cargoes must consist of Course as well as fine Goods to supply all buyers yet take it for a Generall Rule that the finest Goods of all Sorts doe generally turne us best to Acco^t^: and for the proportion of each you will have sufficient light from our intended list.

19. We shall send you by this or our next Shipps likewise an intire Booke of this Michaelmas Sale which may be of great use to informe your judgement's in sevarall Perticular's which we may forgett to write of; by which likewise you may see what help it is to us upon a dull Markett when Europe is so glutted with Indian Goods to bring home severall Sorts of new Commodity's wherein we hope our Present Agent and Councell will be studious to outdoe all their Predicessors wherein wee think they have a Large field to walke in there being not yet knowne to us one half of the Commoditꝶes that the Bay of Bengall afford's especially toward's Bennarra's and the higher Parts of that great River of Ganges.

20. Wee have often wrote to you to cleare all our ffactory's of all old Remaines of Good's for Sale but by that we doe not meane to give them away for so dull a Commodity as Sannoes which are like to Ly upon our hands for some yeares Rather would wee have you according to the expedients we proposed to you last yeare to send whatever lyes by you old Guuns Anchor's unsaleable Cloth or Stuff; Cordage Pitch or Tarr or what ever it bee to send up all to ffort S^t^: George and y^t^: that Presidency may not be overburden'd w^th^: such Lumber we shall send them this yeare the more money and less Goods.

21. Of what we have sent you by this Shipp the Persia Merchant the enclosed Bill of Loading and Invoyce will informe you; by the [Kempthorne] that goes with her wee shall send in money 70,000 ^£^: and by the Chandois 70,000 £.: in money which latter may sale from hence in October; one halfe of w^ch^: two Summ's we shall order our President and Councell to send downe to you these two Shipps being to touch at ffort S^t^. George. Enclos^d^: you have a list of the Shipping we intend out this yeare it is possible that upon farther Consideration or advice from the Indies we may alter the designe of some one or two of those Shipps which if we doe you shall be timely advised.

22. You may doe well in the meane time to be provideing a good quantity of severall Sorts of Cotten Yarne and other Bulky Commodity's that you may be ready to give our Shipps a speedy dispatch with Respect to the Directions in our List sent you.

23. Besides other improvements which we hope to Arrive at by the settlement of our affayres under such a just and prudent Agent & Council we hope to finde generally our Good's to come from Bengall much better bought; better sorted and better conditioned in all Respects then formerly.

24. The Interlopers we hope will trouble you no more; if they should we are satisfyed by what some of us have seen from Agent Beard and M^r^: Charnock that they can doe us Little hurt and themselves no good while we have such a stanch Agent and Councell; but it must be your great care not only to doe well your selves but to compell all your Subordinate ffactory's to doe their dutyes w^th^: the like integrity and dilligence the only meanes for effecting whereof are first your owne good example as aforesaid; 2^ly^: exact and constant corrispondence by Letters &c^a^: 3^ly^: severe decipline in rewarding those that deserve well by Preferment; disparageing abaseing and turning out all that are negligent and unfaithfull for which purpose we have sent you some supply of hands by those Shipps of

which you will have a List inclosed and have ordered our President and Councell of Fort S^{t}. George (who best knows your wants) to send you as many more as they can spare.

25. For all other Matters you are to follow the directions and orders of our said President and Councell of ffort S^{t}. George; who have demonstrated themselves in all their Courts of our business there since the new settlement of President Gyfford &c^{a}: to be men worthy of great trust and such as will maintaine an upright impartiall strict and Prudent corrispondency with all persons subordinate to their Government.

26. Send us 50 Silke quilts of severall Sorts according to our former orders and your owne fancy's in the choyce of Lively and acceptable collour's; send us likewise of every sort of Good's 100 Peeces superfine by which wee meane finer then ever yet you knew bought for Europe Marketts.

27. Our President and Councell of ffort S^{t}: George will from time to time acquaint you what Tonnage they shall be able to Supply to fill up our Shipps from the Bay and it will be allwayes Prudence in you Rather to have too many Good's beforehand then too few Because tis probable now our trade is so vastly encreas't wee may allwayes send you a Latter Shipp or an early Shipp in the Spring that may allwayes bring away the Remainder of Good's of the former yeare so that you need not feare any Goods takeing dammage by lying too long upon your hands.

28. Wee hope you have adjusted that business of the Customes with the Nabob or Mogull in an amicable way for that trade of the Bay is too Considerable to bee lost or throwne away in a Pett but if wee must quarrell at last with the Mogull for our Previlidges wee must bee content tho in Prudence if wee could have any Reasonable quarter with those Governour's for a Little money it would be our Interest to let the Dutch begin to quarrell first with that Prince for then of necessity hee must court us.

29. But if you could obtaine from the Mogull a Phirmaund to fortify in any convenient Place on the Ganges for Security of our trade in future from such attempt's and Surprizes as the Dutch lately made at Bantam and formerly at Maccasser wee should not grudge the charge of beginning so Noble a Settlement for our Country notwithstanding all the Losses wee have lately Susteined by meanes of the Interloper's.

30. Wee suppose you may have heard of the Rebellion at Bombay which is thought to proceed from the inspiration of Interlopers and wee hope you will soone heare of the Returne of those deceived People to his Majestyes Obedience.

31. This Shipp the Persia Merchant we would have you not to faile of sending up to Fort S^{t}: George with her full Ladeing of Petre and what other Goods propper for Europe may bee Remaining by you of the last year's Remaines and as shee goes up to the Fort order the Commander to take in whatever bales shall be in Readiness in any of our Northern ffactory's Subordinate to ffort S^{t}: George.

32. Wee observe that some of our unmarryed Servants at Cassimb: and wee have too much cause to feare at other Places likewise doe absent themselves from our Publick Tables and crave an Allowance of Dyet money which wee will not allow to any unmarry'd which keep not houses by themselves; and to such no more then may serve for the Dyet of a single Person at our Publick Table which wee know is very Little in that Countrey and therefore wee expect that our Present Agent and Councell should Retrench our Charge in all Places by Reforming that Notorious abuse.

33. There is one John Hilman a Weaver that takes Passage on this Shipp and is listed for a Soldier he hath laid our 30^{s}: in provideing 4 brass Rodd's and two Trewatt's necessary for the weaveing trade, he being Skill'd in makeing Plashes if he bee imployed by you and bring those Rodd's and Trewatt's into our Service you are to Reimburse him the 30^{s}.

34. Wee send you on the Persia Merchant Mr: Thomas Mackerath whome wee have entertain'd as our ffacter; and Mr: Wm: Marshall as one of our Writers; whome wee would have you dispose of as may be most for our Service.

35. Wee have entertain'd Edward Dean Sowton an able Artist well quallifyed in Dying Black Silkes for 5 yeares certaine at the Sallary of 50 £: a yeare to Commence from the time of his Arrivall in the Bay and have taken Bond of him not to desert our Service before the expiration of that tearme hee is to Receive 25 £: of his Sallary from you the Rest is to be paid to his wife here; and he is to have his Dyet at the Company's Charge; Wee have not else to add; but Commending you and our affayres to the Blessing and Guidance of the Almighty Wee Remaine:

Your Loveing Friends
Joseph Ashe Governr:
Josa: Child: Deptv:
Ja: Edwards.
John Moore.
Wm: Sedgwicke.
Wm: Turner.
Peter Daniel.
Edwd: Bouverie.
Richd: Hutchinson.
Chris: Boone.
Ben: Bathurst.
Saml: Dashwood.
Joseph Herne.

[P.S.] Wee have allso entertain'd John Gerrard one Skill'd in dying Collour's who takes his Passage on this Shipp and is to serve us the same tearme and on the same condition's as Mr: Sowton is agreed withall.

Herewith wee send you a Perfect list of the Good's wee would have Provided.

[*Endorsed*:] Company's Generall to the Bay dated 3d October 1684—℔ Persia Merchant Received 11th: May 1685—No. 6—recd 11 July 1685—Copia.—Entered ℔ S.H.

Our Agent and Councell in the Bay of Bengall.

London, 24th: Octobr: 1684.

We have very much to write concerning the disposition and Coining of our Bullion wherein we have cause to apprehend we have bin infinitely Injured for many years in the Bay, and most of all in the last year of Mr Vincent, whether it be better or worse since his time we must suspend our Censures till we have yor next books, but most certainly there is noe one thing deserves soe much yor essentiall care & reformation as that we are writing to you off.

We cannot now give you the perticulars of the Abuse nor by what steps it hath grown upon us in that Agency but in Generall by the nearest computation we can make our Dollers in exchange or Coyning into Rups: makes us there Communibus Annis at least 3d: in each dollr: of wch. we shall write you wth: more certainty, & more at large as soone as our Booke-keeper can draw out those Abstracts we have ordered him to prepare for yt purpose;

In the meantime we would have you not to faile by ye best means you can & to advise us by ye first what is the lightest Standard that yor Sheroffs in the Bay compute their Gold and Silver by and in what proportion each standard declines as we in England do from 24 Carrts. Fine for Gold to 4 gr. in each Carrt: & ¼ of a gr: in each gr: and from 12 oz fine for Silver by penny weights and gr: to 11: oz 2dwt: our English Standard for Silver and lower if it be worse than Standard.

Send us. likewise an Exact acco. of all the Severall weights by wch: you sell Gold & Silver wth: their Severall denominations from the highest to ye: lowest

viz^{t}. as in England we Sell Gold by the Oz, 1 lb. is 12 oz, 1 oz is 20^{dwt}, 1^{dwt} is 24 gr: and advise how yo^{r}: weights held out in proportion wth: the weights we use in England we remaine

Yo^{r}: very Loveing ffriends

Ri: Hutchinson.
Edw^{d} Bouverie.
Chris Boone.

Jos^{a}: Child Dep^{ty}:
Ja: Edwards.
John Mooke.
Tho: Canham.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
W^{m}: Goulston.
Edward Rudge.
W^{m}: Sedgwick.

[*Endorsed:*] Coppy Comp^{as} Generall to the Bay: dat: 24 Octo^{r}: 1684 Hugly Rec^{d}. 11 May 1685: ℔ Persia Merch^{t}:—N° 7—Rec^{d}. 11 July 1685.—Entered ℔. S.H.

At a Court of Com^{TEES} holden 14TH Jan^{RY}. 1684.

For as much as the Comp^{a}. have a very vast q^{tie}. of Cuttanees, & Atlassees now in y^{r} hands, & alsoe more of y^{m}. Expected by y^{e} next Years shipping from India, This Court doe therefore thinke fitt, & resolve y^{t} for y^{e} space of two Years now next Ensueing All sorts of Cuttanees, & Atlassees plain or wrought wth Gold & Silver, or otherwise be totally prohibited for acco^{t}. of Private Trade, & y^{t} during y^{e} s^{d}. two Years, y^{e} s^{d}. Comodities be wholly reserved for y^{e} use of y^{e} Gnral Joint Stock, Exclusive to all others, whereof y^{e} respective Comand^{rs}. & officers of y^{e} George, Josia, Successe, & y^{e} rest of y^{e} Ships bound for India, this year, are to have notice given y^{m}. y^{t} they may conforme thereunto accordingly, Upon y^{e} Penaltie of stated Damages agreed w$^{th.}$ y^{e} respective Com^{drs} in w^{r} Chr℔ties.

Copia vera Ex^{r}
Ro Blackborne
Sec^{r}

[*Endorsed:*] 14 January1684—Order of Court, prohibiting Cuttanees and Atlasses for two years.—N°. 6—rec^{d} ℔the George 11 Augst 1685—Entered ℔. S.H.

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Particular of fforeign Bullion &c^{a}: exported in private trade on y^{e}: Kempthorne Viz^{t}:

Edw^{d}: Keeling	... ...	30 £ value in foreign Bullion
Nat: Smith ...	... ...	25 in Gold & Silver Lace
Christ^{o}: Boone	... ...	2000 p^{s}: $\frac{8}{8}$
S^{r}: Sam^{ll}: Dashwood	...	4000 d^{to}
W^{m}: Northey	... ...	2000 d^{to}
Ric^{d}: Elford...	... ...	2000 D^{to}
Edw^{d}: Bouverie	... ...	102^{oz} fforeign Gold
Eliz^{a}: Jackson	... ...	1 Silver Tankard & 12 spoons
Thomas James	... ...	600 £ value in fforeign Silver
John Paige ...	... ...	148^{oz} fforeign Gold
Robert Thomson Esq^{r}:	...	2000 p^{s}: of $\frac{8}{8}$
S^{r}: John Chardin	... ...	200 £ value in fforeign Silver
Geo: White...	... ...	500 £ d^{to}
Tho: Cooke ...	... ...	1500 p^{s}: of $\frac{8}{8}$
Edw^{d}: Rudge Esq^{r}:	...	1000 d^{to}
Cap^{t}: Nat: Owen	... ...	1129 ^{oz} fforeign Silver
Cap^{t}: John Kempthorne		[*Lacuna*]
ffor y^{e}: Ships expence	...	900 [£ ?] value in foreign Silve
ffor himselfe & Officers	...	4665 d^{to}
Edw^{d}: Barron	... ...	60 d^{to}

London y^{e}: [*lacuna*] October 84.

[*Note.*—The following papers printed from the preceding volume No. V, are omitted here :—

Order regarding the export of bullion, dated 27th August 1684, p. 2 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 106–107 *ante*.

List of ships, 1684, p. 3 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 107 *ante*.

List of goods to be provided, 1684, p. 4-8 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 107-111.

Certificate & order about Richerd Tillman, dated 2nd & 3rd October 1684, p. 9 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 102 *ante*.

List of the packet per Kempthorne, 1684, p. 10 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 111–112 *ante*.

From the Company to President & Council F.S.G. dated 26th November 1684, p. 10–12 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 112–114 *ante*.

From the Company to President & Council, F.S.G., dated 26th November 1684, p. 13 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 114 *ante*.

Account of goods ill-packed, 27th November 1684, p. 14 of the Original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 114 *ante*.]

To the worspp^{ll}: the President

and Counsell atfort s^{t}: George.

S^{rs}:

severall goods wanting.

The Warehouse keepers informe mee y^{t}: severall goods are wanting, w^{ch}: I thought good to advise you of y^{t}: y^{e}: persons concerned may take notice of it, & embale their goods wth: more care & Circumspection Viz^{t}:

at Pettipolte.	6 Percallaes P: P: 2 ℔ Kempthorne ticked	Signed John Goddard.
at Conimeer.	1 Salampores C 6 d^{to}:	Ralph Ord.
	2 Long cloth br ; C 6 ℔ Josiah	John Willcox.
at ye: ffort.	2 Betteelles N^{o}: 29 ℔ London	Elihu Yale.
	1 Shirt Moorees 11 ℔ Kent	D^{to}
	1 Neckeloth N 39 ℔ Wellfare	D^{to}

these goods will be charged to y^{e}: severall Gentlemens Acc^{tts}: y^{t}: signed y^{e}: Ticketts, soe y^{t}: it concerns them to have a Watchfull Eye at packing time. *those yt signed ye: Tickets will be charged.*

What more goods we may find wanting on y^{e}: goods yett unsold I shall in due time give you notice of.

In y^{e}: Kempthorne Invoice lately gone hence for yo^{r}: parts a mistake hath been committed here in y^{e}: Chest of Gold C Ingotts N^{o}: 27 & 2[8] & y^{e} better & worsness being wrong placed for N^{o}: 27 is said to be ½ grain better, when it is worse I car: 1 gr & N^{o}: 28 is said to be soe much worse when it is better by ½ gr: soe y^{t}: y^{e}: Standard of y^{e}: Ingott N^{o}: 27 is really *A mistake in chest of Gold N°.*

	℔	6:	06:	13:	16 gr:
and N^{o} 28		10:	—:	—:	12
is togather		16:	06:	14:	04 gr: whereas
y^{e} Invoice makes it but		16:	04:	08:	20
Differs	℔	00:	02:	05:	08 gr: w^{ch}:

Acctt: Curr^{t}: to have Cred^{t} for it.

please to examine & bring in Credit of y^{e}: Accomp^{t} Curr^{t}:

London, y^{e}: 3^{d}: XBER 1684. ffrancis Beyer Accomp^{t}: Generall.

[*Note.*—The following papers are omitted being printed in the previous volume:—
Orders of the King in Council, dated 12th November 1684, p. 15 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 114–115 *ante*.
List of the Chandois packet, 1684, p. 16 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 115 *ante*.]

M^{R} EDWARD BARWELL & RESPECTIVE COUNCIL.

TYWAN, JANUARY, y^{e}: 31TH: 168 ⅔.

S^{rs}

Yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 6th: of June by y^{e}: Kent wee received wth: y^{e}: sad Relation of y^{e}: ruine of Bantam, Wee through a mercifull providence having escaped as yett y^{e}: like Calamity that befell us in Amoy in May & June last, daily expecting it by y^{e}: great preparations then made by y^{e}: Tartars to fall on y^{e}: place w^{ch}: soe affrighted y^{e}: King & Grandees that they sent all their Soldiers to y^{e}: Piscadoes and Keylong to defend those places, & did arme as many of y^{e}: Strangers & other y^{e}: Inhabitants as reached from Tankoy to Wankan to oppose their landing there who according to expectation did sett out but came no farther than y^{e} Piscadoes, w^{ch}: they found soe well guarded y^{t}: they did not attempt any thing there & returned again for China. Last year at arrivall of y^{e} Jappan Junkes, Wee were not wanting to press Sinkoe to pay y^{e}: Kings Debts as hee promised before M^{r}: Mountagues departure, of whom after often soliciting & many delayes could procure but two hundred chests of Copper, saying Wee must rest satisfyed for y^{t}: was all y^{e}: King would pay us this year, alleadging y^{t}: we having no ship here could tarry untill next Jappan Junks did bring more Copper, for w^{t}: came on these Junks they could make more advantage of it by sending it to y^{e}: Southward, then to pay it us to keep it y^{e}: year round in our houses, soe y^{t}: if had dispatched y^{e}: Kent for Bengall as ordered, should doubtless have been delayed this year in y^{e}: same manner & must have sent her away without any Copper from hence, for soon after Ship arrivall, y^{e}: King sends his Chop for y^{e}: two hundred chests of Copper hee paid us last year pretending hee wanted it to cast into Guns, but really was laden on board some Junks bound then for Maccoa, there to be disposed of to raise mony to supply his then urgent occasions, all w^{ch}; considered we concluded it to be more for y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Interest to detain y^{e}: Ship here untill y^{e}: arrivall of y^{e}: Jappan Junks in expectation of paym^{t}: from y^{e}: King on y^{e}: former & this years acc^{tt}: & soe dispatch her back for Batavia. *receipt of yo^{rs}: with the Sad news of y^{e} ruin of Bantam.*

Upon Tusinkoes request to be discharged from intermedling in our business, Tan[s]inkoe was appointed to act in his place, who in translating our Letters seemed soe unwilling to mention y[t] : particular of recommending us to y[e] : Emperour of Japan, y[t] : very much question whither it was incerted or not, w[ch] : if it was suppose you will hear of it from y[e] : King & for translating or forwarding y[e] ; Emper[r] ; of Jappans letter, Tansinkoe nor any other y[t] : we can meet w[th] ; will be concerned therew[th] : M[r] : Geo : Gryffith after 3 months visitation w[th] : a lingering distemper thinking y[t] : change of Air might be a means to recover his health goes into y[e] : Country where at first seemed somew[t] : better, but all proved insufficient, dyed one & thirtieth of March there being none present w[th] ; him, but o[r] : Doctor at his decease, not finding him to have made any will brought his Estate into y[e] : Companys booke w[ch] : amount to $ 736 ; 13 as ℔ Copy of his acc[tt] : & outcry herew[th] : be enclosed.

we have endeavourd the sale of Colchester Bayes and have not sold but 2 peeces.

Wee have endeavoured w[t] : possibly we could y[e] : Sale of y[e] : Colchester Bayes, but have not as yett been able to vend any more then two peeces w[ch] : was at thirty Dollars to one of our Merch[ts] : who sent them to China for a tryall where if they prove a Comodity hath promised to take y[e] : rest at a better rate, Wee are promised by some y[t] : are bound for Manillah to take some likewise but cannot preswade them to meddle w[th] : a quantity.

mistakes in Loading Vizt:

In landing our Cargoe have found severall mistakes Viz[t] : N° : 59 Invoyced fine green cloth w[ch] : proved Scarlett, 2 bales of red cloth instead of 2 of Cloth rashes, six of y[e] Christaline glasses less then Invoyce, two peices of long Cloth in Bale N° : 11 wanting, no note appearing in y[e] : bale by whom packed, severall pieces damaged quite through perfectly rotten though y[e] : bale of w[ch] : they were taken seemed well conditioned, y[e] : Surplace being intire soe y[t] : suppose them to be repackt after first damaged, y[e] : Musketts likewise came in such a miserable condition, that w[th] : great trouble & expence could make but foure hundred of them Merchandable ; One Chest of treasure 22 proved Sivill mony w[ch] : should have been Mexico, y[e] : rest came out according to Invoice. Not finding any probability of vending y[e] : red Cloth, green & red Cloth Rashes have returned them, y[e] : reason y[t] : induced us thereto, is because some of our Scarlet Cloth was touched w[th] : y[e] : worme, fear they may be in y[e] same Condition, they being no Comodity here may be sent to some other place where they may be speedily disposed of, upon y[e] : arrivell of y[e] : first Japan Junke w[ch] : was y[e] : 22[th] : December, Wee waited upon y[e] : Hoquoh w[th] : Sinkoes obligation on acco[t] : of w[t] : y[e] : King hath since had of us, were after an hours attendance, M[r] : Chapple was admitted into his presence, who after had declared y[e] : intent of his coming, w[ch] : was to desire his assistance in procureing us paym[t] : for w[t] : is due to us from y[e] : King, to w[ch] : hee replyed that there was another Junke at y[e] : Piscadores, & two more daily expected, who as soon as did arrive would certainly clear y[e] : Kings Debt, that we must rest satisfyed untill y[e] : other Junks did arrive, ten daies after came in another then wee gott Tansinkoe to give in a paper to y[e] : King to desire paym[t] : for w[t] : was due to us from him alleadging y[t] : y[e] : season was far spent & y[t] : it was time our Ship was dispatched of w[ch] : y[e] : day following hee came to our house, & said y[t] : y[e] : Kings answer to our request was y[t] : we could expect but six hundred chests of Copper from him this year, without y[e] : other two Junks did arrive, that is two hundred on acc[tt] : of those he borrowed of us, & four hundred on acc[tt] : of his debt, that we must be therew[th] : content untill hee was better able to pay us, after we had received y[e] : six hundred chests seeing soe many more remain in y[e] : House from whence wee had those wee complained, alleadging y[t] : y[e] : King could if hee pleased pay us, there being soe great quantity of Copper in his Merchants house, to w[ch] : they said it was none of y[e] : Kings but belonged to particular great men, w[ch] : if would have could buy w[th] : our money, this being a contrivance of Tan Pumpo & Punowey, who caused all Copper as well as y[e] : Kings to be lodged in his Merchants house, where they suffered none to be sold untill their owne was disposed of, for w[ch] : would abate nothing of $ Sixteene ℔ chest, neither would they permitt those y[t] : were indebted to us to pay us any Copper, without would first buy theirs of whom after wee had bought two

hundred & ffifty chest, Wee made a Second complaint, & pretending y^t: our money was gone, & y^e: Ship not ballasted, & y^t: if y^e: King would not pay [us] more goods, Wee must of necessity carry off our Lead to make y^e: Ship saileable, w^{th}: w^{ch}: & all y^e: Arguments wee could use could gett but 50 chest of Copper more, and 71 Pec^{ll} & 91 Catts of Camphire y^e: latter have adventured on without order, w^{ch} should not have done if could have gott Copper in its roome, upon delivery of w^{ch}: they said Wee must be content for it was all y^e King would pay us this year, if we were not & if wee thought their debt to great they would to lessen it refund y^e: Musketts, Broad Cloth, Cloth Rashes & Perpetuanoes, w^{ch}: this year they tooke out of kindness not having occasion for they being still by them of all w^{ch}: seeing no remedy wee desisted from buying of Gold, of w^{ch}: this year there was no want beleiving could have invested ten Thousand dollars more therein, intending w^{th}: w^t: mony had left to purchase Copper, & if possible $therew^{th}$: to put off some goods, of w^{ch}: after wee had made our intentions knowne to Tan[s]inkoe, hee acquaints us y^t: Punowey if would buy a hundred chest of Copper of him, would lodge two hundred taile in our hands, to take out in goods as had occasion for, if not to be paid at next Ships arrivall, Tan Pumpo & other great men have done y^e: same, soe y^t: last w^{th}: great trouble & difficulty have made our Cargoe amount to Dollars 43350: 39^d: $\frac{1}{2}$

M^r: Chapple continuing his Resolution of leaving Tywân takes his passage $herew^{th}$: for Batavia, & seeing wee are disappointed of M^r: Geo: Griffith whom you have ordered to succeed have agreed y^t: M^r: Thomas Angeir & M^r Thomas Woolhouse doe act joyntly in y^e manageing y^e Hon^{ble}: $Comp^{as}$: Affaires here untill yo^r: pleasure be further knowne therein.

Doctor Norrington for these six months last hath been in declining condition w^{ch}: hath reduced him almost to an Anatomy, thinking y^t: Alteration of air & going to Sea might doe him good, hath made his request to take his passage upon this ship for Batavia, his pretence being soe just y^t: we could not in reason well deny him have given him leave whom if recovers hope you will returne us againe y^e: next year, if not, some other, if you continue y^e: ffactory, Since y^e: ballance of our bookes have paid M^r: Chappell $ one hundred & Eighty on acc^t: Sallary and Doctor Norrington his Sallary to y^e: last of January.

The two bales of red Cloth N^o: 22 & 26 have invoyced back cloth Rashes as they came hither not knowing y^e: Contents of them, in makeing up our Invoice have found a mistake in y^e: Raw Silke w^{ch}: is ffive Catts in Chests N^o: 1: 2: 3 more then y^e: Notes therein doe mention, w^{ch}: has been soe entred in our bookes these 2 yeares Viz^t: ffive Catt less then y^e: money for w^{ch}: was accounted, & paid for in a parcell of Chankoes w^{ch}: we thought good to advise you of, having not discovered it before twas too late to be rectifyed.

In returne of our Presents have received from y^e: King forty p^s: of Silke, twenty flowred large Pelongs & twenty Panches, ten Chests of Copper, & twenty pec^{ll}: of Sugar Candy w^{ch}: hee hath mentioned in his letter, besides w^{ch}: hath given us four Beefs, four Hogs, foure Goats, & twenty Geese, y^e: Beefs have disposed of to y^e: Ships, y^e: rest shall expend in our house, Wee are doubtfull w^t: to advise as touching w^t: goods might be propper to send by [next] Shipping, here [being] an Embassadour lately arrived from y^e Vice Ro[y] of Hokean about a treaty of peace, w^{ch} if succeeds then our Europe goods will be most in esteeme, if not Coast & Surratt goods, soe y^t: we conceive it will be most for y^e: Hon^{ble}: $Comp^{as}$: interest to send a Cargoe of both sorts, consisting of y^e following particulars Viz^t: broad Cloth Scarlet six bales, D^{to}: Violet 3 or four, y^e like of black Cloth Rashes black four bales but no other Colours, Perpetuanoes 200 p^s all black Violet, & blew but no other Colours, twenty bales of long Cloth Sallampores 10 bales, y^e like quantity of broad Bafts, 2 or 300 p^s of Chints broad 3 or 400 pec^{lls}: of Iron & a hundred barrells of Powder y^e: Iron & Powder y^e: King hath desired, but forbids us bringing any more Muskets, Our Necessity requires a Supply of Paper, Inke, Quills, & Wax.

Wee are much troubled for y^{e} : soe late dispatch of y^{e} Ship w^{ch} hath not been occasioned by any neglect of ours y^{e} : Northerly winds rageing soe violent y^{t} : it was y^{e} : twelfth of January before could send off w^{t} : Copper was needfull to put on board a Ship before she came into y^{e} : South Road, after w^{ch} : it was four daies before could gett permission to let y^{e} : Ship goe over y^{e} Bar, ordering y^{e} : Cap^{t} : in y^{e} mean while to be in readiness wth : a Pilot, w^{ch} : he procured by y^{e} : assistance of a Tekoe y^{e} : Kings Interpreter whom as soon as had leave granted ordered wth : first opportunity to goe into y^{e} : South Road who in Complyance thereto falls to y^{e} : Barr foot where they waited seaven daies for a Slatch, w^{ch} : they endeavoured to make use of, but by y^{e} unskilfullness of y^{e} : Pilot were prevented by grounding y^{e} Ship on y^{e} : Barr whereby she was in great danger of being lost but by y^{e} : assistance of divine providence got off wth : out any great damage only loosing y^{e} : opportunity and soe were forced to come back againe to gett another Pilot, w^{ch} : wee soon procured & sent off, but y^{e} Winds continuing soe violent y^{t} it was y^{e} first of february before it ceased at w^{ch} : time y^{e} : Ship got over y^{e} : Barr, but by a strong Southerly wind & a Curr^{t} : was drove soe farr away to y^{e} : Northward y^{t} : it was y^{e} : 3^{d} before she came into y^{e} : South Road.

This is w^{t} : at present we have to advise w^{ch} : wth : Copies of our bookes & Consultations & our prayers for a blessing on yo^{r} : & our faithfull endeavours in our Hon^{ble} : Masters affairs Committ you to y^{e} Protection of y^{e} Almighty Wee remain

Worsp^{ll} : & Respective Council
Yo^{r} : most humble Serv^{ts} :
JOHN CHAPPLE.
THOMAS ANGEIR.
THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.

Upon signeing y^{e} bill of ladeing y^{e} : Cap^{t} : hath excepted a chest of Copper w^{ch} : we really beleive to be on board the Boatman acknowledging to have received forty into his boat w^{ch} : he avers to have delivered on board a Ship, one of our serv^{ts} : being in y^{e} : boat from y^{e} : time of his Loading to y^{e} delivery there of our acc^{t} & y^{e} China man whence he had it, agreeing soe y^{t} : we thinke it is impossible y^{e} : mistake can be on our side.

M^{r} Barwell &c^{a} : Councill of Bantam having in their Generall left it to us to make such a present as we should thinke fitt for y^{e} : King, but having mentioned nothing of y^{e} : Grandees w^{ch} : supposing may be through forgetfulness, soe y^{t} we thought if should now omitt presenting y^{m} : haveing soe long accustomed them to it might be of ill consequence wherefore have adventured to present those great men w^{ch} : usually upon ships arrivall have done as near as possible have formerly & likewise by Tan Cinquoes advise who upon EuSinkoes resigning his place is setled in his Station, have presumed to present Chimtock y^{e} : Generall, and Eu Conquan who is y^{e} : Mandorine y^{t} governs y^{e} : Kings Ammunition y^{e} : Particulars whereof have agreed to be as followeth.

To the King

Broad Cloth 2 p^{s} : Viz^{t} : 1 Scarlet N^{o} : 364 q^{t} : 23 y^{ds} 1 Green 223 : 23 y^{ds}
Scarlet Searges 2 Pieces
Perpetuanoes 2 Pieces 1 black 1 Violet
One Large Silke Carpett
8 Peices of Bafts broad fine black
2 p^{s} : of white Moorees
10 Peices of striped Allejaes Viz^{t} :
2 Silver
8 Plaine
2 Cases of strong Waters
Canary 20 bottles
1 Case of knifes fine Glass hafts

To Ge Lawyea
Broad Cloth Scarlet 1 p^{s}: N°: 366 q^{t}: 23 yds
Perpetuanoes 2 p^{s}: 1 Violet 1 blew
2 Cases of strong Waters
1 p^{s}: of black Cloth Rashes
1 long Silke Carpett
Baftas fine p^{s}: 2 1 Red 1 black
To Chuntock y^{e} Gene^{ll}:
Broad Cloth Scarlet, 1 p N°: F 361 q^{t}: 23 yds
Scarlet Serge 1 p^{s}:
Perpetuanoes 2 p^{s}: 1 black 1 Violet
One Gunn
1 large Silke Carpett
Spiritts two Cases
To Punweigh
1 p^{s}: of broad Cloth Scarlet N°: F 366 q^{t}: 23 yards
1 p^{s}: of Cloth Rashes black
Perpetuanoes 2 p^{s}: 1 blew 1 Violet
1 large Silke Carpett
Strong Waters 2 Cases
Bafts fine 2 p^{s}: 1 black 1 red
To Tan Pumpo
Broad Cloth blew 1 p^{s}: N°: E q^{t}: 27 yds
Perpetuanoes 2 p^{s}: 1 blew 1 Violet
Silke Carpets 2 small ones
Strong Waters 2 Cases
To y^{e}: Hoquah
Broad Cloth Scarlet 1 p^{s}: N°: 366 q^{t}: 23 yards
Perpetuanoes 2 p^{s}: 1 black 1 Violet
Strong Waters 1 Case
Bafts fine 2 p^{s}: 1 black, 1 Red
Carpets 2 small Silke ones
Atlasses 2 peices
To Ta Pumpoe
Perpetuanoes 1 p^{s}: black
Strong Waters 1 Case
Bafts fine 2 p^{s}: 1 red 1 black
One large Silke Carpet
To Euconquah
Spectacles 2 p^{r}: black Hornes
Strong Waters one Case
Perpetuanoes 1 p^{s}: Violett
Bafts fine 2 p^{s}: 1 Red 1 black
To Cinquo
Broad Cloth Scarlet 10 feet of p^{s}: N°: 365: 23 yds
Strong Waters one Case
One fine Sallampore
Spectacles 4 p^{r}: black hornes
Perpetuanoes black 1 p^{s}:
One Green Silke Hamock

All y^{e}: Particulars here afore mentioned are unanimously resolved and agreed on by

Tywan y^{e}: 19th: August 1682.

JOHN CHAPPLE.
THOMAS ANGEIR.
THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.

IN TYWAN
AT A CONSULTACON THE 15TH: AUGUST 1682.

After serious perusall of our Hon^{ble}: Masters Generall from Amoy and likewise their Generall from Batavia, both w^{ch}: being soe positive for y^{e}: dispatch

of y^e^: Kent for Bengall y^t^: should have complyed therew^th^: had we not thought it more for y^e^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Interest to detein y^e^: said ship here in expectation of obtaining our old & new Debts from y^e^: King being last year when urged paym^t^: as Sinkoe had promised as before M^r^: Mountagues departure, at arrivall of Jappan Junks should be performed, when y^e^: time came could not procure more than two hundred Chests of Copper w^ch^: Sinkoe said was all y^e^: King would pay us without wee had a Ship here, adding y^t^: y^e^: King could make better use of his Copper than we, by keeping it in our house soe y^t^: if should dispatch y^e^: ship as ordered, shall doubtless be delayed in y^e^: same manner & not be able to gett a Chest of Copper.

About 10 daies since Tan Cinquoe came to us as he said from y^e^ Generall to know if we would lend him y^e^: two hundred Chests of Copper we had in y^e^: house w^ch^: he would repay us at returne of Japan Junks to w^ch^: we replyed it was more then we could justifie to our Masters, w^th^: w^ch^: hee seemed satisfied & went away, yesterday came again & informed us y^t^: now y^e^: King had sent to borrow y^e^: Copper, having present occasion of it to cast it into great Guns w^ch^: hee would repay us, to whom wee replyed y^t^: although wee wanted them to stiffen y^e^: Ship w^ch^: was soe light y^t^: if any violent winds should happen as is usuall about this time of y^e^: year y^t^: then y^e^: Ship might be damaged for want of them, yet if y^e^: King would send his Chopp for them wee would obey his Comands, & deliver them, w^ch^: this day he brought & required one hundred chests to be presently delivered him w^ch^: was accordingly performed, & shall deliver y^e^ other hundred when he comes for them, condescended & agreed to in Tywan y^e^: 4^th^: of Sept^r^: anno Domini 1682 ℔ y^e^: Subscribers

JOHN CHAPPLE.
THOMAS ANGIER.
THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.

Upon this day in presence of y^e^: Subscribers was opened y^e^: bale of long Cloth white N^o^: 11, said as ℔ Invoyce from Batavia this year to contain thirty pieces but its full Complim^t^: proved certainly but twenty eight & is attested to be true by

In Tywan y^e^: 14^th^: of December 1682.

THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.
SOLOMON LOYD.

CAP^T^: LEYSTON SANDERS.

S^r^:

seeing no probability of getting any quantity more of goods to load on board y^e^: Ship Kent whereof you are Comander doe hereby order you by first opportunity wind & Weather permitting to goe out & come to an Anchor in y^e^: South Road, & there to expect further order.

Tywan y^e^: 16^th^: January 168⅔

JOHN CHAPPLE.
THOMAS ANGEIR.
THOMAS WOOLHOUSE.

CAP^T^: LEYSTON SANDERS.

Wee are much troubled y^t^: you should loose y^e^: opportunity of getting over y^e^: Barr yesterday w^ch^: cannot impute to any neglect of yo^rs^: but y^e^: unskilfullness of yo^r^: Pilot who by yo^rs^: Mate Brennock understand grounded yo^r^: Ship whereby you were in great danger of being lost but through a mercifull providence escaped for w^ch^: deliverance we all have reason to be thankfull, to prevent y^e^: like inconveniency have made o^r^: address to y^e^: Generall to desire his assistance in providing us w^th^: an able Pilot who for y^e^: more security hath sent us two who are as good as any upon y^e^: place, Wee question not hee having warranted them soe to be, w^th^: whom could make no contract they being sent by soe great a man, soe y^t^: you must be y^e^: freer in paying them, when they have done yo^r^: business, w^ch^: is y^e^: needfull at present from

Yo^r^ loving ffriends
JOHN CHAPPLE.
THO: ANGEIR.
THO: WOOLHOUSE.

Tywan 24^th^: January 1682

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed from Volume V.

From Tonqueen to the Company dated 26th December 1682, pp. 24-27 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 120-122.

List of the packet overland, N.D., p. 28 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 123.

From the Company to the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 29th February 1683/4, pp. 28-31 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 115-118.

From the Company to the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 2nd April 1684, p. 32 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 118.

From the Company to the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 5th April 1684, p. 33 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 118.

From the Company to the Chief & Council, Tywan, dated 2nd July 1684, pp. 33-34 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 119-120.

From the Company to the Chief & factors, Tonqueen, dated 2nd July 1684, p. 35 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 122-123.

List of the packet per John & Mary N.D., p. 36 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 119.]

LONDON, 18TH: APRILL 1684.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL
IN Y^E: BAY OF BENGALL.

arrival of the Kempthorn.

It hath pleased God to arrive in safety to us y^e: Ship Kempthorn & having an opportunity by y^e: Eagles being beaten back into Plymouth, wee thought fitt to advise you thereof.

Commending Care & deligence in preventing Interlopers & hope ye: Like in ye: Bay. his Majts: Kindness not p^mitting Interlopers.

Wee cannot as yet fully answer our Presid^ts: letter from y^e: ffort by y^e: Kempthorne, Only we would not omitt any occasion to commend you for yo^r: good care & diligence used in preventing the Interlopers Ships all along yo^r: Coast, & hope they will find y^e: same disappointm^t: by our Servants in y^e: Bay.

Wee can assure you of his Majesties great kindness to us, being resolved not to permitt any Interlopers to goe out from hence where we have y^e: least suspicion of their being soe intended, & for security thereof requiring such Ships to give security into his high Court of Admiralty, that they shall not proceed within y^e: Limits of our Charter, However wee are informed y^t: one or two Ships haveing given us y^e: slip by entring themselves to Ostend &c^a: were gone away from thence, before his Majesties Man of War, y^t: was sent over to fetch them back could reach them & therefore require yo^r: diligence in looking after them soe as to prevent their Designes.

Interlop^r: has given us ye: Slipp.

Sent 2 Ships to Porto Novo to pervent Interlop^r:

Wee doe intend to send you two early Ships w^th: a good Stock to be going from hence y^e: latter end of September or y^e: beginning of October intending them for Porto Nova, there to await our Presidents order in preventing of Interlopers, And that one of them (after his order received should proceed unto y^e: ffort, & soe down into y^e: Bay, of w^ch: we shall further advise you hereafter, Soe commending you & our affairs to y^e: Guidance & Protection of y^e: Almighty, Wee remain

Your Loving ffriends
JOHN BANKS Gov^r:
JEREMY SAMBROOKE Dep^t
JAMES EDWARDS.
THOMAS DAVALL.
W^M: JARRETT.
EDW^D: RUDGE.
THOMAS COOKE.
W^M: SEDGWICKE.
JOHN MOOR.
JOHN DUBOIS.
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Note.*—The following papers have been printed from volume V as shewn below :—

From the Company to the Agent & Council Hughly, dated 2nd July 1684, pp. 37-40 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 93-96 *ante*.

From the Company to the Agent & Council Hughly, dated 3rd October 1684, pp. 40-47 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 123-28 *ante*.

From the Company to the Agent & Council Bay of Bengal, dated 24th October 1684, pp. 47-48 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 128-29 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council F.S.G., dated 13th February 1684-5, pp. 48-53 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 146-149 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council F.S.G., dated 18th February 1684-5, pp. 53-54 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 151-152 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 11th March 1684-5, pp. 54-55 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 152-153 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 16th March 1684-5, pp. 55-58 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 154-156 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council, Bay of Bengal, dated 26th November 1684, pp. 58-59 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 156 *infra.*
From the Company to the President & Council, Bay of Bengal, dated 13th February 1684-5, pp. 59-61 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 149-151 *infra.*
From the Company to the Agent & Council, Bay of Bengal, dated 16th March 1684-5, pp. 61-62 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 153-154 *infra.*
Order of the Court of Committees, dated 14th January 1684-5, p. 62 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 129 *infra*
The account of foreign bullion exported on the George, pp. 62-63 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 156-57. *infra.*]

Acco^{t} : of private goods laden on board Ship George Cap^{t} : Nehemiah Earning Comand^{r} : on acc^{tt} : of ffreight Viz^{t} :

Madam Margaret Gifford to Agent Gifford
ffour chest of wine.

Roland Hill to Edward Hill
Six chests of wine.

M^{r} : Daniel Sheldon to M^{r} : Job Charnock, & M^{r} : Sam^{l} : Harvy
Three chest q^{t} : each six dosen quart bottles of Ale one Chest of wine.

Major Edw^{d} : King to his Son at Hughley
One chest of wine.

M^{r} : Jonathan Prickman to Sam^{l} : Prickman
One chest q^{t} : Mathematicall Instrum^{ts} : & Bookes value £30.

M^{r} : Tho : Hardwick to Ralph Harwar.
One hhd q^{t} : bottles of wine.
Two pounds w^{t} : Jesuits barke.

M^{r} : Hugh Reason to M^{r} : Breyerton.
Three chests of Ale & Wine.

M^{r} : Tho : Grey to Elihu Yale.
Three chests of wine & One Cheese in Lead.

M^{r} : George Vernon writer &c^{a} :
Twenty foure peeces of Ribbon one hundred w^{t} : of bookes, Eight Hats, Hattbands, Brushes, & Rubbers, eight Perukes.

M^{r} : Thomas Vernon to M^{r} : Robert ffreeman.
Two chests of Canary, one chest of Sherry, one chest of white wine, one chest of Rhenish wine, & one chest of strong Beere, 40 lb of Tobacco, 6 gross of Pipes, Eight Beaver Hats, Ten Perukes, two Crevats & Ruffles, two peeces of Ribon, two Skins of Leather, six Reames of writing paper.

M^{r} : Tho : Vernon.
Two chests of Canary, one chest of Sherry, one chest of white wine, one chest of Claret, one chest of Beere.

Andrew Kendrick to Gething Kendrick.
Six dosen bottle of wine & Cordiall Waters, one birding peece, two Swords, two Cross bows, three [paire] of [shoes] some bookes.

Edward Wheeler to James Wheeler.
One chest of wine, One Case q^{t} : Eight Pictures.

Samuel Meverell to Sam^{ll} : Meverell.
One box q^{t} : wearing Apparell & Toyes.

ffrancis Decasser.
Ten dozen bottles of wine, ffifteene dosen of Syder, eight dosen of Mum, two dosen Hats, 800 yds Ribon.

M^{rs} : Susanna Beard to M^{r} : John Beard.
One chest of wine.

Mr: Edwards to Mr: Ellis.
One box qt: 3 or 4 £ value Haberdassher's Wares.

Capt: Nehemiah Earning.
Six chests of Canary & ffrench wine.
One Jarr of Oyle, twenty gross of Corks.

Alphonso Rodrigues.
Three pair of Bootes, Seaven yds of Velvett.
One whipp.

Christopher Willson ffactor.
Two tons of wine.

Sarah Hillard to Joseph Hillard.
Three Gally pots of Conserves.
Ten bottles of waters & Syrrups.
ffoure bookes.

ON Yr: 3 ℔ Cr: Vizr:

Capt: Nehemiah Earning & Compa:
Twenty eight chests of wine.
One box qt: seaven dosen small looking glasses.
One Caske qt: Nine dosen of hatts.
Two small boxes of Wax figures.

FFREIGHT FREE.

Mrs: Harry one brass plate to be laid on ye: Tomb stone of her late Husband Capt: Benjamin Harry.

Mr: George Vernon Writer.
Two chests of wine, six gall̃: of lime juice, one case of strong waters, One Case of Brandy, one Caske of Sugar, severall Eatable provissions, One chest of Apparell, two ffowling peeces, One paire of Pistolls, twelve pounds of Powder, one hundred weight of Shot, three swords.

Daniell Dubois ffactor.
Three chests wine, one chest of Mum, One qr: Cask Brandy six galls: Lime juice, One chest of eatable provissions ¾ Sugar &c, One Escrutore qt: papers, two fowling peeces, three paire of Pistolls, twenty pounds of Powder & Shott, two chests of Apparell, two House Clocks, two speaking Trumpets.

Christopher Wilson ffactor.
Two chests qt: 30 Gall̃: of Brandy, one chest of provissions, Eight Hatts, one chest of Apparell, two Cases qt: Sixteene Gallons of Lime Juice, 3°: ½ cheese two Barrells of Mum, 4 dosen of Silke Stockings, Ten gallns: of Oyle 3 dosen glasses, One birding peece, one pr: of Pistolls Sugar, Grocey &ca:

Tho: Jordan Writer.
One Quartr: Caske of Clarett, twenty galls: of Brandy one chest of wearing Apparell & Necessaries.

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed elsewhere as shewn below:—
List of goods to be provided at the Coast & the Bay N. D., pp. 65-71 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 157-161 *infra*.
Order of the Court of Committees dated 21st January 1684/5 p. 72 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 93 *ante*.
List of the packet per the George N.D., p. 72 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 162 *infra*.
To the Prest & Cl F.S.G. dated 18th March 1685, p. 73 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 163 *infra*.
To the Prest & Cl F.S.G. dated 28th March 1685, pp. 73-74 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 163-164 *infra*.]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILr ATT FORT St: GEORGE. LONDON, 1st APRIL 1785.

The foregoing Letter was on the 28th March last, Sent unto you by the Deputy Govr: & Committees, Since which we have not onely seen the Prices of your China Goods as Invoiced to us, but have compared their prices with the Same Sort

Compared yor: Invoice of China goods with

Carolinas & find much Dearer, & much Worse.

of Goods that came Invoiced to us by the Carolina, & opened your Goods for view, which are rather worse then the Carolina's. To instance in some of them.

	s :	d :
Your Silk comes out at 19s 9d the pound. y^{e} : same by y^{e} : Carolina cost but	5	8½ ℔ lb.
The Pelongs at 54^{s} a ps.	20	a ps.
The Geelongs at 27^{s} a ps...	11	6 a ps.
The Musk at 18^{s} an oz	11	10½ ℔ oz.

Disapprove of your sending these goods.

Wee wholly disapprove of your sending us these Goods & will not accept of them for our acco^{ts} : However we will Sell them by the candle for the most wee can, & remitt you an acco^{t} : thereof, & shall expect that the overplus of their Cost as Invoiced by you more then what they will Sell for be made good by you unto us with interest & insureance.

This gives Some Cause to question yor : fidelity.

Wee are extreemly Surprized that these Goods (which wee beleive came in your own acco^{ts} : from China, when our own Ship Carolina could not have that full trade there, as you had) to be Sent unto us by you at such extravagant prices, being at present unwilling to tell you, that it do's in Some measure give us cause to question your fidelity to us. Wee remain

Your loveing friends

Joseph Herne.	Joseph Ash Govern^{r}.
Edwd. Rudge.	Josiah Child Dep^{ty}.
Thomas Cook.	Henry Johnson.
Christo^{r} Boone.	William Goulston.
Thomas Davall.	Henry Serle.
Willm Sedgewick.	Richd Hutchinson.
Edw : des Bouverie.	Sam : Dashwood.
	Benj. Bathurst.

Our President & Councill
att Fort S^{t} George.

London, 19th March 1684/5.

No Cotton gloves nor Stockins be sent being disincouragmt to y poor people here.

Wee have by the Royall James rec^{d} : a Small parcell of Cotton Stockings in pursuance of former directions, but finding the Same is an English manufacture & that itt may bee a great discouragment to the poorer Sort of people, which are very numerous & imployed in that trade, wee think itt advisable, & accordingly do direct that no more of them, nor Cotton Gloves be Sent us, but dispose of them the best you can, though they Should be provided for us, neither lett any more Shirts or Shifts be bought or laden on any of our Ships for our acco^{t} for the future, nor any Persian Carpets of any Sort, they being very dear bought & lying upon our hands wee remain

Your loving friends

Tho Cook.	Joseph Ash Gov^{r} :
Ja Edwards.	Josia Child Dep^{ty} :
Jeremy Sambrook.	John Moore.
William Sedgewicke.	Thomas Davall.
Chris Boone.	Henry Johnson
Tho Canham.	Edward Rudge.
	Ri. Hutchinson.

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed in the next volume :—

To the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 12th August 1685, pp. 76-77 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 164-65 *infra*.

Extract from a letter to Surat, dated 12th August 1685, p. 77 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* p. 165 *infra*.

To the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 26th August 1685, pp. 78-80 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 165-167 *infra*.

To the President & Council, F.S.G., (from Secretary Blackborne), dated 6th February 1685/6, p. 81 of the original Vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 177-78 *infra*.]

Extracts from two letters to Surat, dated 17th & 22nd June 1685, p. 81 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 178 *infra*.
List of the Nathaniell packet, N D., p. 82 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 178-79 *infra*.
To the President & Council, F.S.G. (from Secretary, Blackborne), dated 9th April 1685, p. 82 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 179 *infra*.
To the Agent & Council, Hughly, dated 17th June 1685, pp. 82–84 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 179-80 *infra*.
To the Agent & Council, Hughly, dated 12th August 1685. pp. 84-85 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 181 *infra*.
To the President & Council, F.S.G., dated 14th January 1685-6, pp. 85–91 of the original Vol. VI; pp. 166-170; *vide* pp. 181-85 *infra*.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

LONDON, THE 20TH JANUARY 1685/6.

Our former lre from this Committee of Secrecy, directing you in treating & if cause be in manageing a Warr w^th^ the Nabob, especially & principally in Secureing that important place of Chyttegam hath been approved by his Maj^ty^ & we have by us y^e^ Copy of the said w^th^ his Maj^tys^ owne hand to it, testifying his Maj^tys^ approbation of y^e^ contents thereof.

Majtys approbation of makeing Warr wth Nabob.

But in regard upon further thoughts we find it may happen to be necessary for you to have Justice nearer to you then Fort St. George in a time of Hostility, we have by vertue of his Maj^tys^ last Charter (of w^ch^ we send you a Copy Inclosed) appointed Capt^a^ Nicholson to be Judge Advocate for this expedition while he is in the Bay of Bengall, & in y^e^ absence of Capt^a^ John Nicholson we doe appoint M^r^ Thomas Lee, or whom soever else our Agent & Councill shall appoint, & our 3d & 4^th^ of Councill of Bengall for y^e^ time being, to be always assistants, to fill up our said Court of Judicature according to his Maj^tys^ s^d^ late Charter, & that you may Govern yo^r^ selves & o^r^ affaires accordingly we doe herew^th^ send you a duplicate of our Comission to Capt^a^ Nicholson for the purpose afores^d^.

Capt. Nicholson to be Judge advocate in bay, or whosoever appointed by Agent & Counll;

And in regard the King of Raccan we hope may graunt you some considerable Territory round about or near Chyttegam we would have you among other improvem^ts^ thereof imploy some persons in makeing Some quantitys of Sugar upon Such termes as, as you can agree, letting them have the Land rent free on condition to furnish you w^th^ such a quantity yearly of the best Sugar, as you shall thinke fitt to contract for, for our Use, w^ch^ if you can have it at easy termes, may be as much as will load annually one of our biggest Ships for Persia.

Imploy Some Psons in makeing of Sugar att Chytigam.

We have Said in our former letter that you Should not proceed for Chyttegam untill Capt^a^ Nicholson arrives w^th^ you, w^th^ y^e^ Additionall forces he will bring you from ffort St. George, & that is yett o^r^ meaning if he arrives w^th^ you in any convenient time, but in regard he may be Dead, or may be prevented from arriveing w^th^ you in time, by Some accident impossible to be foreseene by Us, we must therefore in such & all Unforeseene occasions, leave to you to proceed according to y^e^ best of your Judgm^ts^ for y^e^ Hono^r^ of yo^r^ King & Country as y^e^ Emergency of the Case shall require, Soe Praying God to bless & prosper yo^r^ endeavo^rs^ we rest

not to proced to Chitygam till Capt Nicholson arrives (if in seasonable time).

Your loving ffriends
Jos^A^ CHILD Dep^ty^.
BENJ^A^ BATHURST.
JOSEPH HERNE.

[*Note.*—The following papers being omitted from this volume are printed in the next volume.
Orders of the Court of Committes *re* prize ships, dated 20-1-16c5/6, p. 93 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 185-86 *infra*.
Instructions to the Agent & Council, Bengal, dated 14-1-1685/6, pp. 94-105 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 186-93 *infra*.
Royal proclamation *re* war with Bengal, dated 16-1-1685/6, p. 105 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 193 *infra*.]

The King of Siam is Debtor to the Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^a^ for the ffollowing Particulars viz^t^

For Richard Burnebies Debt from 30^th^ Sep^t^ 1681
as p^r^ Siam Journall H Fol 5 & Journall I Fol 13 Cattes
158 : 4 : 14 at £ 12: 10s. for each Cattee is ... £ 1984: 18:. 5.

For 5 years & 3 months Interest thereon at 10: ℔ Cent yearly, Interest on Inteř is	1157 : 1 : 7.	3140 : 0 : 0
For Thomas Ivatts Debt from the 30 Sep^{t} 1683 as ℔ Syam Ledger I fol 6 Catts 9 : 2:8 at £ 12 : 10 is Steř	£ 114 : 1 : 3.	
For 3 years & 3 months Interest at 10: ℔ Cent accompting yearly Interest on Inteř	41 : 0 : 9.	155 : 2 : 0
For goods lost in the fire to y^{e} Vallue of Cattes 143: 9 : 2 as ℔ Journ^{ll} I Fol 5 & 6 dated y^{e} 30 Decemb 1682 is Steř	£ 1793: 4: 0	
For 4 years Interest thereon	832 : 4 : 0	2625 : 8 : 0
For demorage of the Mexico M^{r}chant from the time of her arrivall there being the 1st of Sep^{t} 1683 till her departure from thence being the 9th January 168$\frac{3}{4}$ is 131 days at 5 £ ℔ diem	... ...	655 : 0 : 0
For Imprisoning y^{e} Comp^{a} ffact^{rs} & Serv^{ts} Peter Crouch John Thomas & Abraham Navarra & hindering theire trade by the Ship delight	... ...	2000 : 0 : 0
For the Kings Debt being Catts 316:15:6 and sev^{ll} other Debts in all 332 : 0 : 6 is together Catts 648 : 15 : 12 as ℔ Siam Journall I Fol 13 dated y^{e} 30 Sep^{t} 1683 is Steř	£ 7909:16:10	
For 3 years & 3 m^{o} Interest at 10 ℔ C^{t} ℔ Annum accounting Interest on Interest	2881:7:2	10791 :4: 0
For y^{e} charge of y^{e} Comp^{a} ffactors & Imprisonm^{t} of theire persons beating some of them by Coffrees, overthrowing theire Voyages, preventing theire access to y^{e} King to make theire complaint & y^{e} Unsufferable dishon^{r} done to y^{e} Comp^{a} and our Nation in Genn^{ll} we demand		5000: 0: 0
		23366: 14: 0

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed in the next volume.

To the President & Cl., F. S. G., dated 17-6-1685, p. 107 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 178-80 *infra*.
To the President & Cl., F. S. G., dated 14-1-1685/6, pp. 107-114 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 167-72 *infra*.
To the President & Cl., F. S. G., (Post Script), dated 20-1-1685/6, pp. 114-116 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 172-73 *infra*.
To the President & Cl., F. S. G., dated 14-10-1685, p. 116 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* p. 173 *infra*.
Abstract of debts from Ramsden & Dujardain, dated 11-1-1685/6, p. 116 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* p. 173 *infra*.
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To President & Council, F. S. G., from Sir J. Sambroke, dated 27-1-1685/6, pp. 119-20 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 175-76 *infra*.
Observation on the list of goods, N. D., pp. 120-22 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp 161-62 *infra*.
Paper regarding the Mint & Treasure, N. D., pp. 122-24 of the original vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 176-77 *infra*.]

LIST OF Y^{E} COMPANIES PAQUET TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE ℔ THE BEAUFORT.

No. 1. Comp^{a} Genn^{ll} to Fort S^{t}. George dated y^{e} 14th January 1685/6.
2. Copy of y^{e} Comp^{a} Genn^{ll} overland of the 17th June 1685.
3. Copie of y^{e} Comp^{a} Genn^{ll} over Land of y^{e} 12 August 1685.
4. Copie of y^{e} Comp^{a} Genn^{ll} overland of 26 D^{o}.
5. Copie of y^{e} Comp^{a} Genn^{ll} of y^{e} 14 October 1685.
6. Invoyce of S^{d}. Ship.
7. Bill of Ladeing of D^{o}.
8. Copie of D^{o} Ships Charter party.
9. C Acco^{tt} of M^{r}. Ramsden & M^{r}. Jordan Debt.
10. List of goods remaineing in y^{e}: Comp^{a} warehouse &c.
11. S^{r} Jeremy Sambrokes letter thereupon.

12. Copy of some observations touching the Same.
13. Copy of y^e^ Herberts Charterparty.
14. Copy of y^e^ Rebecca Charterparty.
15. Copy of M^r^. Hobsons Bond who is to Comand Pryaman.
16. Copie of Lieuten^t^ Childs Bond.
17. Patterne of striped Beetelaes & other goods to be provided at y^e^ Coast & Bay.
18. A paper touching y^e^ Mint at y^e^ ffort.
19. Copie of Lieu^t^ ffrancis Bond.
20. Six Books of Martiall Laws Invoyced.
21. A letter from M^r^: James Houblon to M^rs^. Oneal w^th^ a parcell of Gold.
22. Acco^tt^ of y^e^ Cost & Sale of Muske Raw Silk &^ca^.
23. Copie of y^e^ Rochest^rs^ Charterparty.
24. Ship Pryaman first Cost Charges & Stores.
25. Inventory of y^e^ Pearle ffrygott w^ch^ attends y^e^ Beaufort.
26. Invoyce of goods on Ditto.

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed in the next volume:—
List of the Secret Committee's packet per Beaufort. N. D., p. 125 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 193-94 *infra*.
To Chief and Council. Priaman dated 21-10-1685, pp. 125–33 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 194-99 *infra*.
To President and Council, F. S. G., dated 24-2-1685 pp. 134–36 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 199-201 *infra*.

LONDON, 24^TH^ FFEBRUARY 1685/6.

TO THE WORSP^LL^ THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCELL AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

S^rs^.

By the Beaufort & Nathaniell some erro^rs^ were comitted in y^e^ Invoyces, for want of Bills of parcells or some other intimation, soe that we had receipts for more goods than was Invoyced, & on the other hand more goods were Invoyced then we had receipts for, w^ch^ in the hurrey of dispatch could not be avoyded, since we have received a Bill of ℔cells of the 12 Anchors short Invoyced on y^e^ Beaufort, where of you have herew^th^ the ℔ticulars for w^ch^ have charged yo^r^ acco^tt^ w^th^ £136 : 12 : 6 besides w^ch^ you have y^e^ weight of 10 Anchors more shiped on the Nathaniell by the same person that shiped the same on the Beaufort, soe that I question not but that they are on board, thô y^e^ Purser acknowledg the receipts of but 5 more then Invoyced, I suppose the receipt was wanting of those 5 mencioned in the first part of the Invoyce for here they are possitive that there are 15 Anchors on board of this ship these Tenn according to ℔ticulars herew^th^ amo^ts^ to £ 116 : 17 : 1 w^ch^ is likewise charge to yo^r^ acco^t^, & as the other Erro^rs^ & mistakes can be rectifyed the ℔ticulars shall be sent you. Errors in Invoyce.

This ship the Nathaniell & likewise y^e^ Rochester ought to deliver you the deales & Baulks used for makeing of the powder roomes for that y^e^ Comp^a^ paid for them.

Herew^th^ you have y^e^ contents or rather y^e^ lenght of all the broad Cloth sent you by the Nathaniell w^ch^ then for want of time could not be sent.

FFRANCIS BEYER Accompt Genn^ll^.

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed in the next volume:—
List of the Rebecca packet N. D. p. 137 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 201 *infra*.
To President and Council, F.S.G., dated 10-2-1685/6 pp 137–38 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* pp. 201-02 *infra*.
Order of the Court of Committees, dated 13-1-1685/6 p. 138 of the original Vol. VI; *vide* p. 202 *infra*.]

TO THE RIGHT WORSP^LL^: THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

S^rs^,

These onely for Covert of the inclosed additionall Invoyce, on the Beaufort & Nathaniell being 102 Quoyles of Ropes Shipped on these two Ships but not mentioned in theire Invoyces, for want of bills of parcells w^ch^ being Since come to hand Quoiles of Ropes Ship not mentioned.

thought good by this conveyance to Send you the ℔ticular weights whereby you will find that y^e^ 25 Coyles by y^e^ Beaufort amo^ts^ to £ 199: 14: 0 & y^e^ 77 Coyles ℔ the Nath comes to £138: 7: 9 both w^ch^ articles are charged to yo^r^ acco^t^ & desire that you will Creditt our acco^t^ Currant accordingly w^ch^ is all I have at present to advise you Soe remaine

Yo^r^ friend & servant
FFRANCIS BEYER
Accomp^t^ Generall.

East India house London
26 March 1686.

[*Note.*—The following papers are printed in the next volume :—
To Chief & Factors, Tonqueen, dated 26-9-1684, pp. 139-42 of the original—vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 202-05 *infra*.
To Agent & Council, Hughly, dated 4-3-1685/6, p. 143 of the original—vol. VI ; *vide* p. 205 *infra*.
To Agent & Council, Bay of Bengal, 16-3-1685/6, pp. 143-44 of the original—vol. VI ; *vide* pp. 205-06 *infra*.
To Agent & Council, Bay of Bengal, from Acct.-Genl. E.I. House, dated 24-3-1685/6, pp. 144-45 of the original—vol. VI and pp. 220-234 of vol. VII ; *vide* p. 206 *infra*].

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reed ℔ Loyall Capt 11th Aprill 1687. Mr: Knipe Mr: Turner to be ffactors at Priaman.

P.S. to a Duplicate from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ added to the Gen^ll^ of the 24^th^ February 1685/6.

Wee have elected M^r^ Richard Knipe & M^r^ John Turner who formerly Served us in the South Seas to bee factors att Priaman, for the tearm of 3 years, att 30 £ a year each, who take their passage on this Ship Loyall Captaine, wee would have you by the first oppertunity that offers, Send them to Priaman.

List of the packet per the *Loyal Captain* N.D. p. 145 of the original vol. VI, omitted ; *vide* p. 206 *infra*.

LONDON, THE 14^TH^ APRILL 1686.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^T^ GEORGE.

reed ℔ Loyall Capt 11th Aprill 1687. Mr Ord Judge of the Court of admiralty on ye West Coast. Agreemt wth Soldrs inclosed.

Wee have thought fitt for the better Government of our Garrison att Priaman, or Such other place where our Settlement shall bee on the West Coast of Sumatra to appoint M^r^ Ralph Ord to be judge of the Admiralty Court there, & to that end have Caused the enclosed Commission to bee drawn up, which you may Send him by the first oppertunity.

The agreement we have made with the Souldiers, that come on the Rebecca & Loyall Captain, is also enclosed with a paper from the Accomptant Gen^ll^ to which we referr you, & commending you to the protection of the Almighty wee remaine

Your very loving friends
JOS^A^ CHILD Dep^ty^.

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reed ℔ Loyall Capt 11th Aprill 1687. his Majtys Patent for a Court of Admiralty the West Coast.

The Governour & Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, Whereas his late Majesty of glorious memory Charles the Second, by his Letters Patents, under the great Seal of England, bearing date the Ninth day of August Anno Domini 1683 granted unto us (among other things) was pleas'd to erect [&] establish a Court of Judicature, to be held in Such place and places in the East Indies as Wee should think fitt to direct and appoint which Court was to consist of a Civill Lawyer & two Merchants, to be named & constituted, by the Governour or his Deputy & the Court of Committees, And Such Civillian, and two Merchants or the Major part of them, (whereof the person learn'd in the Civill Law to bee one) have power to hear, & determine the causes, & plaints mention'd in the Said Letters Patents, according to the Rules of equity & good conscience, & according to the Laws & Customes of Merchants, And to bee call'd a Court of Admiralty in the East Indies Now know all men by these Presents, that Wee reposing Speciall trust & confidence in the learning, honesty, fidellity & circumspeccon of you Ralph Ord Esq^r^ Cheif of our Town, & Port of Pryaman, on the West Coast of Sumatra, do nominate, constitute & appoint you to be Judge of the Said Court of Admiralty, to beheld att Pryaman aforesaid, or any other place & places, upon the West Coast of Sumatra, where any of the Subjects of our Sovereigne Lord the King of England &c^a^ shall have their residence, And we do also nominate & appoint, two Such of the Merchants hereafter named, or Such

others as our President & Councill at Fort S[t] George shall think fitt to choose for this purpose, Viz[t] M[r] Benjamin Bloome, Jonathan Unkettle, Charles Carr & John Pitts Members of our Councill att Priaman aforesaid or elcewhere upon the West Coast of Sumatra, togeather with your Self, to do, act, and performe, all things expres'd & contain'd in the Said Letters Patents appertaining to the Said Court of Admiralty, And for the Honour of the English Nation, & more perfect information of all persons concern'd in the proceedings of that Judicature, You are to cause the process of the whole Court to bee carried on in English & not in Latine, in all the Commissions, Acts, Constitutions, & Sentences thereof, and you are from time to time, to give an acc[t]. of all your proceedings in the Said Court of Admiralty, as well to us, as to our President & Councill att Fort S[t] George, and for So doing this Shall bee your Warrant, Given under our Common Seal this Twenty ninth day of March 1686 & in the Second Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland. Defender of the ffaith &c[a]:

Sealed with the Rt Hon[ble] Comp[as]: larger Seal

To the Honourable the President
& Councill att Fort S[t] George. East India house London, 10[th] Aprill 1686.

Srs.

In the Beauforts Invoyce, according to the information then given mee, I deducted 291 Piggs of great & 228 Piggs of Small Lead as redeliver'd [out] of that Ship but in Shipping of them on the Modena for Surat, find 36 great 36 Small Piggs wanting, & upon Strict inquiry we find by the Boatswain & Waiters noats, that they delivered out of that Ship, 255 piggs great, & 195 Small lead, of which latter the Hoyman denies the receipt of 3 Piggs, So that it's plaine, that there was 72 piggs too much deducted out of the Beauforts Invoyce which in proportion, are computed att° 150 : 0 : 0 and att 15[sh] ℔ % amount to £ 112 : 10 : 0 for which please to Creditt our Acc[t] Currant, & if the Should not find the 3 Piggs in difference between the Boatswaine & the Hoyman, you may then charge them to our Acc[t]. I have not elce att present but remaine

recd ℔ Loyall Capt ... April 1687.

Lead wantin

Srs
Your friend & Servant
Francis Beyee.
Accomptant Generall.

[*Note*—The following papers are printed in the next volume:—

To President & Council, Fort St. George, from Secretary Blackborne, dated 20th April 1685, on p. 147 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 206-07 *infra*.

Number of supernumeraries, N.D. p 147 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 207 *infra*.

To the General & Cl., of Surat & Bombay, dated 31st March 1686, pp. 148-51 of the original vol. VI; *vide* pp. 207-09 *infra*.

Warrant approving instructions to Surat, dated 9th April 1686, p. 151 of the original vol. VI; *vide* p. 209 *infra*.]

VOLUME VII FOR THE YEARS 1684–1686.

[ORIGINAL LETTERS.]

LONDON, 13ᵇ : FEBʳ : 168⅘.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT Sᵀ : GEORGE.

With this you have copy of oʳ lre of 26ᵗʰ Novembʳ last sent by yᵉ Shandois; And now by oʳ Invoices &c you will see what a considerable Stock in Bullion & Goods we have sent you by this Ship the George, wᵒʰ we pray God to send safely to yoʳ : hands.

2. This is yᵉ last Ship we shall send directly for the Fort; & we would have all yᵉ Silver upon her to be sent to our Agent & Council in yᵉ Bay by this Ship if you have time enough for it, or els by some other safe Conveyance. But we rather desire it may go by the George. To which purpose we desire she may be dispatcht down to yᵉ Bay within three dayes after she arrives, which is not so extraordʳʸ an expedicon but what is possible to be effected : And we may tell you, yᵗ : greater expedicon than that we now propose to you, was made at Suratt this last year, otherwise we could not have had home oʳ late arrived 5 Suratt Ships this year, there being litle or noe goods on any of them at the begining of April by reason of yᵉ late arrival of Two, and three of their lying so long before Bombay. And after they were come from thence, some of them were hurryed out of Swally to Suratt Rivers mouth to retake the Compᵃˢ Ship Return, which was a further impedimᵗ to their dispatch.

3. If you send the George to Bengal, limit oʳ Agent & Council there a certain time for her return to you, with what they can put on board her.

4. Let every Ship you load either in Bengall or from yᵉ Fort be sure to bring their full proporcon of Callitore wood; And if you can perswade any of oʳ Comandʳˢ : to take in more than their proporcon at £10 ℔ ton, to stiffen their Ships, you may send us yearly among all oʳ Ships 100ᵗᵘˢ : of that wood, over & above each Ships respective ꝑporcon thereof by Chreparty.

5. Wee have only now the Josia to dispatch of all yᵉ Shipping designed for yoʳ intire presidency including yᵉ Bay; and her we intend to send directly to Bengal with 80000 £ in Bullion, & what other goods we can get in a readiness : All the goods by her, We shall order oʳ Agent &c., in yᵉ Bay to send up to you, except what he can imediately dispose of, So you may doe well to keep so much in arrere with yoʳ Merchᵗˢ, as you may put off our goods to them when they arrive to balance their accoᵗˢ : of what you may before have reced of them.

6. You have now such a number of ffactors & Writers, that We justly suppose you may be overstock'd with them : and therefore We hope & desire you to be so wise for our interest, as to sift out yᵉ worst, & retain only such to eat our bread as may doe us good & real service for it, And discharge from our service all yᵗ are idle, insufficient, debauched, or unfaithful; In wᵒʰ you will doe an acceptable, & but your reasonable service to Us.

7. We have ordered oʳ Genˡˡ & Council at Suratt constantly to maintain a considᵇˡᵉ brisque Vackeel at the Moguls Court, & to give you notice who yᵉ Person is, & how you may correspond with him about oʳ affayrs in yᵉ Bay, & therefore we would have you put oʳ Agent & Council in yᵉ Bay in a way of manageing their busines at Court by yᵉ same Vackeel & noe other, to avoid a double charge : As also because We hope yᵉ person oʳ Genˡˡ of Suratt sends thither, wilbe an abler man & of a bolder temper, & fitter for oʳ purpose, than any you have or will meet with in yᵉ Bay.

8. Mʳ George Gosfright, formerly of oʳ Council at Bantam, having served us well, & being now at Suratt, where we ordered him likewise to be of oʳ Council :

But his friends here rather desiring he should be setled in the Bay of Bengal; we have ordered him to be of o^r^ Council there, according to his station in India; which we suppose is next after M^r^ Trenchfield: Of which give notice to o^r^ Agent & Council in the Bay; that upon his arrival there, he may have y^e^ place we have appointed him untoo.

9. Wee understand by Capt^n^ Harding, y^t^ you have a profitable trade to China, w^ch^ we doe not grudge you, but rather wish it may encrease, & y^t^ you may gain by all honest ways as much as yo^r^ selves can reasonably desire: But we would have you in all places in the Bay & otherwise within yo^r^ Presidency, utterly to beat-out & destroy those detestable old cheats of Piscashes from o^r^ black Merch^ts^ Dubash mony & Dustore; & make it yo^r^ busines effectually to see, that all monies arising from such old cheating names & practices (where y^e^ names are fit to be continued) be honestly & faithfully brought to the Comp^as^ acco^t^:

10. In regard Thea is grown to be a Comodity here, & we have occasion to make presents therein to o^r^ great friends at Court; we would have you send us yearly 5 or 6 Canisters of y^e^ very best and freshest Thea. That w^ch^: will colour y^e^ Water in w^ch^ it is infused, most of a greenish complexion, is generally best accepted.

11. In all yo^r^ trades to China & elswhere we would have you, (as becomes worthy publique spirited Men, such as we take you to be) to have as wel a regard to the gen^ll^ good of y^e^ Comp^a^ by encreasing y^e^ trade & Revenue of Fort S^t^ George as y^e^ increase of yo^r^ profits: And therefore we desire you y^t^ in such adventures you would admit to joyn with you not only such small stocks as o^r^ own servants have, but likewise all other Inhabitants of our Fort & Town, whether they be English, Portuguez, or Natives. This generous liberty & frank encouragem^t^ to all your Inhabitants indifferently, will make your place great & famous in a short time, strong & defensive, And that place being become by such indulgence a Mart for Nations, it must consequently flourish & prosper exceedingly, That being the means to which God Almighty of old promised to make Jerusalem great, viz^t^, that it should be a Mart for Nations.

12. And if by such generous self-denial, & y^e^ just & equall administration of good Laws to all persons, you can bring that place to be a Center of trade from all places of India, wherein it is not convenient for us to establish Factories, it may give you y^e^ opportunitie to buy for Us upon reasonable terms, Pepper, China, Pegu, & it may be in time, Nutmegs, Cloves, & many other Comodities, which otherwise you can never hope to purchase for Us.

13. You have now a larger field to work in, for the honor of yo^r^ King the good of your Country, & the profit of this Comp^a^ (that you know hath suffered so much of late years) than ever any of yo^r^ Predecessors had: But if your minds be not as large as yo^r^ Province, the success will not answer our expectation, Narrow selfish souls are not framed for such work; But we have reason to hope better of you.

14. You must never give over contriving easy methods for raising Revenue in that place until you have arrived by y^e^ Dutch wisdom, to such a measure of constant Income as may sufficiently serve the keeping in repair & enlargeing your fortificacons, & y^e^ constant maintenance of 500 European Soldiers, most part English, the rest Portuguez, which are cheaper by one half. Such a formidable posture of defence will make more rich men trust to yo^r^ governm^t^ & protecc̃on; & will make yo^r^ terms easy with y^e^ King of Gulcondah's Governors, who we are sufficiently sensible, by their late base complyance with Interlopers, will doe more for fear than Love of us.

15. Notwithstanding which until you are stronger, & o^r^ Dutch controversies are at an end, keepe as fair as you can with those people, without parting with any of our mony more than what was anciently accustomed.

16. If you could perswade all y^e^ rich men in Fort S^t^ George to y^e^ number of 100 English, Jews, Portuguez, & Gentues, to keep each of them a Horse & Arms at their own charge, as M^r^: de Pavia here hath promised for himself that he will, it might be a brave addic̃onal strength upon any sudden occasion, And you may

appoint Captain & Officers to exercise that Troop once in 2 or 3 M^{os} as a Militia or Citty Troop.

17. The Riders by right should be English, or at least $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of them.

18. You know our Stock hath much declined these last 2 or 3 years, & ye reasons of it: It's high time now to study all possible Methods to better y^{e} Advent^{rs} Stock, y^{t} they may at last reap some fruit of their adventures labour & patience these last 2 or 3 declining years: And therefore we must enjoyn you to improve y^{e} trade of Rice, Paddy, & Provisions from y^{e} Bay, y^{t} none of o^{r} Ships may come up thence to you with any dead toñage, which likewise is necessary for y^{e} security of our ffort & Town. It being very Impolitiq in such a frontier Garison to be at any time unfurnished of a sufficient store of Paddy, which being bought at y^{e} best hand in y^{e} Bay, & y^{e} freight thereof costing us nothing to y^{e} Fort, must of necessity at one time of the year or other, turn us to a good acco^{t}:

19. You must always keep your Officers & Soldi^{rs} in strict military discipline, & to y^{e} frequent exercise of their arms, not failing to inflict condign punishm^{t} upon Offenders, according to y^{e}: Rules of Martial Law, For yo^{r}: informacon wherein, we have sent you Copy of a Book now of use in y^{e} modern Armies of Europe.

20. We have just now, & you have long since (as we suppose) had intimacon that y^{e} Emperor of China hath granted free liberty of trade to y^{e} English & Dutch at Tywan & Amoy; So we hope you have effectually dispatcht a small Vesseli with a proper Cargo to Tywan for o^{r} acco^{ts}: And we would have you take care as soon as possibly you can, to send another small Vessel & right honest & fit ℔sons to settle a factory at Amoy. We suppose two Factors & writers may be sufficient at first for Amoy; & y^{t} 5 or 6000^{lb} Cargo may be enough for Tywan the first voyage, & about 10000^{lb} for Amoy. And it must be yo^{r} great care to see y^{t} we pay freight neither Out nor Home for any more than o^{r} own goods, Or if you freight y^{e} Vessel wholly for o^{r} acco^{ts}, you must see y^{t} all private goods whatsoever y^{t}: go or return in any such freighted Ships for o^{r} acco^{ts} doe pay a full & just proporcon of freight, y^{t} we may be rather gainers than losers by such great indulgence to our Servants and Inhabitants. And we make you y^{e} sole Judges & Determiners of all such matters between Us & them. In which Respects if o^{r} former Agents & Councils at Bantam had been faithful to Us, those Northern trades had turned us to great profit; whereas by reason of unfaithfulness (w^{ch} will destroy y^{e} most hopeful things of this World) all those trades proved to o^{r} loss.

21. Amoy is a place of depth of water sufficient for a Ship of 300 or 350^{ts} So y^{t} if upon fresher advices from China, you shall have hopes of getting a sufficient loading of Copper or Tutenage, you may order y^{e} Shrewsbury, Persia Merch^{t} or some other of y^{e} smaller of o^{r} Europe freighted Ships thither. But consider well & doe onely That w^{ch} you shall judge safest for us, to avoid dead freight which is an irreparable loss.

22. In y^{e} Cargoes you send for Tywan or Amoy, One half at least must be pcs of $\frac{8}{8}$; the other moity proper goods of India, & but very litle of English Manufactures if it be true which we hear, y^{t} the Emperor of Japan hath prohibited English Cloth.

23. Wee wrote by y^{e} Chandois about a great parcel of Neckcloth bought for private persons on board y^{e} Josia: Since w^{ch}: we understand there were 27,000 more sent to M^{r}: Portman &c^{a}: We much wonder y^{t} notwithstanding our prohibicon of them you should send such great q^{ties}. It is a very great offence & we strictly charge you to take care for y^{e} future y^{t} our Orders be better observed.

24. The suit at Law comenced in y^{e} Court of Kings Bench by Us ag^{t} M^{r}: Sandys y^{e} Chief of y^{e} Interlo℔s for trading contrary to our Chre, was ready for judgm^{t} y^{e} last Term; Argum^{ts} having been made on both sides by y^{e} most learned Council of y^{e} Kingdom. But such was y^{e} weight & importance thereof y^{t} the Lord Chief Justice deferred y^{e} same til y^{e} last of Jan^{ry}, On which day y^{e} four Judges being mett they unanimously gave judgm^{t} for us ag^{t} M^{r} Sandys, Declaring that o^{r} Chre granted us by his Ma^{ty} for y^{e} sole trade of India exclusive to all others his Ma^{ts} Subjects, was a good grant in law, The Power of making such

Grants having been always in y^e^ Crown, Besides which, this had also the sanction of Parliam^t^.

The Judges, amongst other things (for they were above 4 houres in delivering y^e^ reasons of their Opinions, & answering all the objeccons y^t^ had been made by M^r^ Sandys's Council) were pleased to observe y^t^ this Comp^a^ had been in possession of this trade for above 100 years past; & y^t^: in all y^t^ time none ever durst presume to call y^e^ right of y^e^ Crown in [question till Now, But] they believe M^r^ Sandys may be the last y^t^ will ever attempt any thing of that kind any more.

25. And now judgm^t^ being given & entred, we hope you wilbe noe more troubled with any private Ships for the future.

26. Wee are informed y^t^ the Bristol [Interloper] whereof Hand was [Comand^r^] is seized at Goa for a Pyrate, & [will be] confiscated; & therefore we think [fitt to] tell you, That if y^e^ Dutch or any other people of India, should seiz any more Interlopers, We would not have you countenance, own, or aid any of them in such a case; They being persons engaged in attempts ruinous to their common Country, in direct opposicon to, & Contempt of his Ma^ts^ Proclamacon, and as hath been lately confirmed by the aforesaid sentence in the Court of Kings Bench, contrary to y^e^ Comon Law of England.

27. You did very well the last year, in sending us y^e^ copies of your Cash book to y^e^ time of y^e^ departure of y^e^ last of our Ships from you. For y^e^ future we would have you with y^e^ copy of yo^r^ Cash book, send us also copies of your Journal & Ledger to y^e^ same time, tho' they be not balanced: And give order at Hughly, y^t^ they doe by y^e^ last Ship from thence send us y^e^ copie of their Hughly Cash book, & y^e^ transcript of their Journall & Ledger to y^e^ Day of their said last Ships departure; that we may have as full a prospect as may be, of our future affayrs.

28. It hath pleased Almighty God on the 6^th^ of this instant Feb^ry^ to call to his Mercy o^r^ late Sovereign Lord King Charles the 2^d^ of blessed memory, by whose decease y^e^ Governm^t^: is descended unto his Brother his present Ma^ty^ King James the second, as you will find by y^e^ enclosed prints, to which we refer; who was proclaimed ye same day with great solemnity, & the generall acclamacons of the People; And y^e^ affayrs of y^e^ Kingdom (blessed be God) continue in a very peaceable quiet posture as before, His Ma^ty^ is an Adventurer in y^e^ present joint Stock, & is graciously pleased to vouchsafe us all possible encouragem^t^ in the carrying on of our trade. And so we comit you & our affayrs to the guidance & protection of the Almighty & Remaine,

Yo^r^ loving Friends
JOSEPH ASHE Gov^r^:
JOS^A^: CHILD Dep^ty^:
JA EDWARDS.
SAM: DASHWOOD.
JOSEPH HERNE.
EDW^d^: BOUVERIE.
THOMAS DAVALL.
W^M^: SEDGWICK.
HEN: JOHNSON.
CHRIS BOONE.
THO: COOKE.
EDW^d^: RUDGE.
JOHN MOORE.
PETER DANIEL.
W^M^: GOULSTON.

Postscript.
We send you enclosed a list of the most proper Goods we can think of to be provided at y^e^ Coast and Bay for the year 1686, which we judge for o^r^ service; that you should be timely possessed of; Although peradventure y^e^ new Com^tees^ after o^r^ next Sale may see cause to make some addition or alteracon therein. Our order for permitting y^e^ exportacon of Corral beads, we send herewith, which you are to observe.

[*Endorsed*:] Comp^as^ Grall to the ffort dated 13^o^ Feb^y^ 1684/5—No. (1)—Rec^d^ p^r^ the George the 11^th^ Aug^st^ 1685—Entered S.H.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCIL IN THE BAY OF BENGALL. LONDON, THE 13^TH^ FEBRUARY 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Wee have wrote severall Paragraphs relating to yo^r^ Agency in our letter to our President and Council of ffort S^t^ George, which they will communi-

cate to you; and unto which we require yo^{r} conformity equally as if they were contained in this lre.

We hope to hear our affairs in y^{e}: Bay are now in a better condition then ever they were since this Stock began; And that those old cheats of Dustore, Piscashes from o^{r} black Merchants, & all other abuses of [y^{t}] kind wilbe utterly abolished and eradicated by the vertue of our present Agent and Council: And therefore we doe give you full power not onely to govern all our ffactories by our former rules and Orders, but to make such new rules and orders as you shall find necessary for preventing of all frauds and abuses; And to suspend or expect from our service (or otherwise to fine, according as we wrote you last year for small offences) any that you shall find unfaithfull to us, disobedient to you, or idle, or debauched after admonition.

The false packing of our Silk last year, we must again mind you of. It was so wicked an abuse, that we will never pardon any that had a hand in it, or connived at it: And therefore we would not onely have you without favour or affection to turn out all such Offenders, but to arrest their Persons, and send them up to the ffort, to be proceeded against there by our Attorny Generall in that Court, which is appointed by his Maj^{ties} last Charter of the 9th August 1683 to try and adjudge all Mercantile or Maritime Causes. With such [Delinquents] send up in writing y^{e} proofs you have against them upon Oath, that is [Corpus] cum causâ. The want of such Courts formerly hath been the great cause of all the cheats and abuses which have been practised especially in the remote ffactories of India.

You know we have established a duty of 2 ℔ cent Consulage upon all English freeman (not being the Comp^{as}: servants) that drive any trade in India; unto which Constitution [those freemen] (thrô the corruption and connivence of our own servants) have not yet given obedience. We doe therefore hereby impower [and require you] to demand the [Arrerages] of that [Consulage from all such English as have traded] under our priviledges ever since that [Establishm^{t}: by us:] And if any doe [refuse] to arrest them in our Attorny Generals names, & send them up to the ffort to be tried there, [sending wth: them the] nearest computation you can make of the value of [what they have] traded for. In which if you should committ any mistake by reason of the incertainty of such private trade, the parties in arrere shall have liberty for what is past, to cleer themselves of any overcharge of yo^{rs}: by their own oaths.

But for such as shall be willing to compound with you for what is past, and promise to be conformable to the Comp^{as}: Rules hereafter, you may compound with them on reasonable terms, and ease them of the trouble & charge of going up to the ffort.

We have wrote our Generall of Surrat to maintain alwayes a bold brisque Vaqueel at the Mogul's Court, that will speak freely to y^{e} Courtiers upon occasion. With him and no other we would have you to correspond for the future.

If M^{r} Littleton refuse or neglect to give obedience to his Ma^{ts} Privy Seal, seiz his person as a Rebel, and send him prisoner on board some of our Ships for England, by force of Arms.

You will hear many wayes what a full sentence passed in his Ma^{ts} Court of Kings Bench on the 31th January last against all Interlopers, & for the legality of his Ma^{ts}: grants to the Comp^{a}: which is such an establishment in Law, that our Adversaries would never generally understand before, thô we had alwayes reason to beleive it would be found so upon tryal.

The Josia, we suppose, cannot sail from the Downs before the midle of March: All the Bullion on board her you are to reserve to the use of yo^{r} Agency, but none of the goods more then you are sure to put off presently. It being our positive resolution never to have any remaines lie by the walls in those ffactories as they have most shamefully done formerly: And therefore we doe require you to send by the Josia, or some earlier dispatcht Ship to the ffort, all y^{e} Europe goods that you are not sure [instantly] to dispose of as aforesaid.

We have formerly intimated to you, that our Worthy Presid^{t}: & Council of ffort S^{t}: George have most prudently and honestly reduced the black Merch^{ts}: in

almost all our ffactories in the Gingee Country, and upon the Coast of Choromandel to take in payment for their Callicoes &c^{a}: $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$ ℔ C^{t}: in goods and we are yet to seek for a true cause why you should not be able to doe the same thing in most of our ffactories of Bengall, except Cassumbuzar and Pattana, especially now that you are freed or sure to be [from the Competition] of Interlopers.

Wee observe by the Cassumbuzar Diary, that they took up mony there at [12 ℔ C^{t}: ℔ annũ:] which rate we would not have you exceed in any case [now y^{t}: you are stockt soe sufficiently,] and you will be the easier [able to hold all persons] to that certain rate, because after this year we shall be so crowded with India goods here, that we shall not burden you [with Tonnage, as we were] forced to doe while we were striving with Interlopers, as also to sell our India goods here, one with another almost as cheap as they cost us wth: freight and charges. But now as it must be o^{r} work after a litle time to raise the price of o^{r} Comodities here, so it mu:t be yo^{rs}: to pull down the rates of all goods in India, w^{ch} the corruption of our servants, or the presumption of Interlopers hath kept to higher prices in India, then they might otherwise have been afforded at.

Raw silk and Taffaties are alwayes the most noble and Staple Comodities yo^{r} Agency affords: Provide all you can possibly of both kinds, and of the specifical sorts which you have been often informed by our lres, Lists &c^{a}: doe turn best to acco^{t} here.

It hath pleased Almighty God on the 6th of this Instant ffebruary to call to his mercy our late Soveraign Lord King Charles y^{e} second of blessed memory by whose decease the Government is descended to his brother his present Ma^{ty} King James the Second as you will find by the enclosed Prints to which we referr, who was proclaimed the same day wth: great Solemnity, and the generall Acclamations of the People. And the affaires of the Kingdome (blessed be God) continue in a very peaceable quiet posture as before. His Ma^{ty} is an Adventurer in the present Joynt Stock, and is graciously pleas'd to vouchsafe us all possible Encouragement in the carrying on of our trade.

On this ship comes M^{r}: Daniel du Bois ffactor, and George Vernon, and Thomas Jordan Writers whom we have chosen to serve us in the Bay, one at 15£ a year, and the other at 5£ a year a peice, they are under good Characters, and you may dispose of them where they may do us best service.

Inclosed we send you our order made, touching 5 bales of broad cloth formerly sent on this Ship for which we have made an allowance to the Owners, we would have you, take a strict examination as therein is directed, and cause Satisfaction to be made to us for the same, and give us an acco^{t}: of yo^{r}: proceedings. And so committing you and our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty, We remain

Yo^{r}: Loving ffriends.

[*Endorsed*:] 13th February 1684—Comp^{as} Grall to y^{e} Bay ℔ Ship George—No. 4—rec^{d} ℔ the George the 11th Augst 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

London, 18th February 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Our President Council
at Fort S^{t}: George.

By the Chẽparty of the George, you will find y^{t}: for her better stiffening, y^{e} Owners are obliged to lade & carry out Fifty seaven tons of Iron kintlege: And in regard it was not procurable here in London, We have agreed, y^{t} the like q^{ty} of kintlege in our Lead shall be deteyned on board her for y^{e}: accomodacõn of her voyage homewards w^{ch} you are accordingly to permit. The said 57^{ts}: being to be accounted as part of y^{e} 700 Pigs of Lead menc̃oned in her Invoice, w^{ch} he is to bring with her for o^{r} acco^{t}, unless you have other kintlege goods by you besides Saltpetre to supply her in lieu of y^{e} 57^{ts} of Lead.

Herewith cometh our new list of Goods, which we intend you should provide for o^{r} next years Shipping; In w^{ch} we have wholly omitted several sorts of

Goods, loseing considerably thereby, being provided of other sorts from Suratt y^t^ will answer them, & turn us better to acco^t^. We would therefore have you after y^e^ arrival of this list with you, to forbear buying any more, (than what you have already agreed for) of any sort of Goods omitted in this List, thô we wrote for them in o^r^ former. And after y^e^ departure of this years Shipping from you, to set yo^r^selves on providing Goods for us, according to this enclosed list for to be in readines for o^r^ next years Ships, w^ch^ to yo^r^ parts & y^e^ Bay, we compute may be about 2500 tons.

We send you o^r^ printed Sale book, by w^ch^ you will see how much we lost by some sorts of Goods, & get litle by others: It must be yo^r^ endeavo^rs^ therefore now, to bring down y^e^ prices of them with you, w^ch^ we hope you will, being free from Interlopers Ships, And y^t^ you be more careful in y^e^ sorting of yo^r^ goods than you have been of late years. Send copy of this l̃re & o^r^ list down to o^r^ Agent &c^a^: in y^e^ Bay.

Upon receipt of y^e^ Proclamac̃on herew^th^ sent you, you are to cause our dread Sovereign King James y^e^ 2^d^ to be proclaimed in yo^r^ Fort & Town with all due solemnity; & to send one of y^e^ said Proclamac̃ons to S^t^: Helena, w^th^ direc̃ons to o^r^ Gov^r^ & Council there to doe y^e^ like. And so comending you & o^r^ affairs to the guidance & Protec̃on of y^e^ Almighty, We remaine

Yo^r^: loving Friends
JOSEPH ASHE Gov^r^:
JOS^A^: CHILD Dep^ty^:
BERKELEY.
HENRY SERLE.
THOMAS CANHAM.
PETER DANIEL.
W^M^: TURNER.
JOHN MOORE.
SAM^L^: DASHWOOD.
W^M^: GOULSTON.
THO DAVÁLL.
HEN JOHNSON.
EDWARD RUDGE.
EDWARD BOUVERIE.

[P. S.]
In calculating of the prices of our goods Sold at the Sales menc̃oned in the 2 bookes now Sent you, you are to know that We allow 6½ ℔ Cent discomp^t^ on those prices, besides our charge of freight Custom &c.

We have chosen M^r^ Christopher Wilson to serve us as a ffactor at the ffort on the usuall terms who takes his passage on this Ship.

[*Endorsed*] Companies Generall to ffort St. George dated 18^th^ ffebruary 1684.—No. 1—Rec^d^ ℔ the George the 11th Aug^st^ 1685—Entered ℔ S. H.

LONDON, 11^TH^ MARCH 168⅘.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE.

Wee have but little to add to what wee writt by y^e^ George but to tell you that wee have and shall continue to have a super aboundant quantity of Surratt and coast goods by us althô by reason of the ill mannagement of our affairs last year in Bengall, wee have a present want of those sort of Bay goods mention'd in our last list & therefore wee enjoyn you to use your utmost endeavo^rs^ to have all our Factories in the Bay very well supply'd w^th^: Stock & those investments enlarg'd especially in the right kind of raw silk, and wee shall think it an acceptable Service to us, if you can enlarge the Bay investments, though at present you something lessen your own from the Coast and Gingee Country, especially if you have been so fortunate by the trade of your private ships, as to stock yourselves

well w^th^ Pepper and China goods which will not only serve to fill up o^r^ : tuñage but if well bought by you there, will turn us to a better acco^t^ then coast goods, untill this glutt bee off our hands.

Your Package in all places upon the Coast and in y^e^ Gingee Country, is so miserably bad, that wee can't too often tell you of it, your wax clothes are too scant, made of old worn cloth only colour'd with Turmerick very little appearance of wax in them, not half enough for security of the Goods, so that there is a necessity if you cannot make your people do that business honestly, that you do take care in time, to gett a full supply of better wax clothes and Gunneys from the Bay, where their Package is much better, as wee suppose our Presid^t^ : hath seen at his late being there.

Wee would have you cause all the Sailcloth you send to bee whited, which would render it much more vendible here, and to have regard to what is menc̃on'd in our list.

Wee have writt you often about the use of those screws wee sent you, which wee would have you set up in Some convenient place, and make some tryall of them, to packe our Sail cloth or other Course goods closer then they have been, Cap^t^ : Haddock that saw them us'd at Surratt assures us, they may bee of great benefit in packing of other goods as well as Cotton wool, when you have the right art of using them, which you must not expect to attain without some tryalls.

Your Cummum betellees and Gulcondah Betellees sent us this year come out so extreamly dear, and bad that wee cannot apprehend it possible, that they should cost such dear rates as they are invoiced at, but do rather incline to believe y^t^ some person trusted by you defrauded you in their quality, pray inquire strictly into this abuse & if any of our own servants were guilty of it, trust them no further in our service.

Wee find that the Wax cloth you make use of in packing our goods, being green and not throughly dryed, soakes into the pieces that lye uppermost, and spoiles many of them, great care must therefore bee taken, to prevent the like dammage for the future. So commending you and our affaires to the guidance and protection of the Almighty We remain

Yo^r^ : loving friends
Jos^h^ Child Dep^ty^.
W^m^ Goulston.
Tho : Canham.
Ja : Edwards.
Edw^d^ : Bouverie.
Hen : Johnson.
Thomas Davall.
W^m^ : Sedgwicke.
Edw^d^ : Rudge.
Ri Hutchinson.
Tho Cooke.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Peter Daniel.

[*Endorsed* :] Comp^as^ Grall to y^e^ Fort dated 11^th^ March 1684—No. 7—rec^d^ ℔ the George the 11^th^ August 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

London, 16^th^ March 168$\frac{4}{5}$

Our Agent and Councill
in the Bay of Bengall.

What we have writt our President and Councill of ffort S^t^ George, you may understand by the inclosed which we send you open for that purpose, and it must be your care constantly to supply the ffort with a sufficient Store of Wax Clothes and Gunneys, that they may never again be put to such Shifts for packing Stuff as they were last year.

Do you likewise take care to make the same beneficiall use of our Screwes as we have recommended to them, and be as circumspect as you can possibly in the close and safe package of all o^{r} goods, That the Commanders & Owners of o^{r} Ships may not have such just cause of complaint in y^{t} kind, as they have had these two last years.

By the Defence in 1683 We received the Hughly Generall books, Z beginning the ℔^{mo}: May 1680 and ending the 30th April 1681 which have been compar'd perus'd, and the Accompts here setled accordingly, But of late they have been missing, and though a strict search hath been made for them, Yet are not found, and are almost out of hopes to find them any more, wherefore desire that you will send us by the return of these Ships a duplicate, for that we have often occasion to use them, We remaine

Yo^{r}: loving ffriends.

[*Endorsed*:] Copie of y^{e} Comp^{as} Generall to y^{e} Bay dated 16th March 1684 ℔ Ship Josia—N^{o}. 5—Rec^{d} ℔ the George the 11th August 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

LONDON, 16 MARCH 1684.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

1. Wee are now to answer yours of the 31th: July & 28th: August rec^{d}: ℔ the Royall James, which arriv'd in the Downs the 10th: Instant for which God bee praysed.

2. Wee like very well your disposition of our stock and Ships, and particularly your sending M^{r} Ord & M^{r} Cawly to be 1st and 2^{d} of that new factory of Atcheen, whom wee do confirm in those stations, hoping they will get y^{e} liberty of fortifying at some convenient place, which would bee greatly to our satisfaction. But wee are against any other new factory, much more against any new fortification at any other place, but where wee shall design to make our future setled head ffactory for the South Sea and Pepper trade, for which purpose wee know not yet of a better then Atcheen or Hippins alias Princes Island, which S^{r}: Thomas Grantham took possession of, but whether hee withdrew his men from it again, after he had our order to forbear hostilities with the Dutch, wee are not yet satisfy'd.

3. Wee shall consider of the Conveniency or inconveniency of admitting rich Merchants to go to our fort as free Merch^{ts}, but in y^{e}: mean time wee are resolv'd to have our black town of Madrass wall'd round, & competently fortify'd at the charge of the Inhabitants, whether it please, or displease them, or anybody else, and therefore wee require you to go about it forthwith, and take Compass enough, and as you proceed, to levy y^{e} full charge thereof, of and from the Inhabitants by a pound rate, according to the respective value of their houses, which after this is done will be worth 3 times what they are now, so that wee shall do them good against their wills, which when they are older, and wiser, they will thank us for.

4. Your design of Inviteing rich Banians, & China Merch^{ts}, to live at the fort, is prudent and generous, and wee shall further you in it, all wee can, but the making a joynt Stock for y^{e} Inland or Country trade of India, here is impracticable, when they are upon the place, and have leisure to talk it out one with another, they may do what they will, with the approbation of our President and Council.

5. Notwithstanding what wee have said before, wee leave it to your discretion, whether to settle a factory at Pegu or not, but pray do nothing in that, but upon mature advice, and information, good priviledges, and all the morall assurance you are capable of attaining, that the charge of the factory will bee maintain'd by the proffit of that trade, over & above what wee may hope to gett, by the same Stock imployd therein, if it were mannag'd at the fort singly, or else wee do but rise up to fall, and make a noise for nothing.

6. Wee are glad to find the trade of rice may be profitable and now wee are full of goods at home, and y^e^ Interlopers supprest, wee hope you will in few years, bee in such posture of defence, as not to fear a war from the Natives, but rather to make them fear you, or at least deal justly with you, according to our priviledges, otherwise wee have spent our money vainly for many years past.

7. M^r^ Bigrigs losse wee justly lament, but hope it may in some measure bee repair'd, by the Vertue and integrity of our President, and our second M^r^ Yale, whom wee do appoint to suceed our President, in case of the death, or absence of our now President M^r^ William Gyfford.

8. Wee have & do appoint, our Tonqueen, Atcheen, Amoy, Tywan and all other South Seas Factories, under the Conduct, & governm^t^ of you our President and Council of fort S^t^ George, because Surrat is more out of the way, by y^e^ trouble of doubling y^e^ Cape of Zeilon.

9. Wee would have you stand up on your terms with Lingapa, & make no investments in his Country, till wee are repossess'd of our 7,000 Pag^os^:

10. The souldiers wives shall come to their Husbands, if they can find means to satisfy, or pay the Owners for their passages, and for such soldiers, as are single men, if you could prudently induce them to marry Gentues, in imitation of y^e^ dutch polliticks, and raise from them a Stock of protestant Mestizees

11. M^r^ Ivat never dealt well by us, so you are not to depend much upon his information, when your private ships come to you full loaden with Siam pepper, we will believe these stories, till then we shall be doubting, haveing been deceiv'd by them 2 or 3 times already.

12. But your design of bringing Pepper to the fort, from the Muzoar Country, and by degrees encouraging the Planting of it nearer to you, is a noble design, and worthy of your endeavo^rs^, and therefore wee would have you encourage it, though it bee at first a little to our loss, for wee are not so dismay'd, by three hard years, but wee have yet as much zeal for y^e^ publick good of our Country, as ever wee had, or can have for our own private advantage.

13. Your better moddelling of the dustore to the Comp^as^ just advantage, is likewise worthily perform'd by you, if your vertue at the fort, and your just circumspection, and severity, be such to all inferiour Factories, as that you can keep out Piscashes from creeping into the room of dustore, which wee will not doubt from such worthy persons as you are, that are and may bee rich enough, by the great indulgence of trade wee give you, without such base sinister Contrivances.

14. Your designed methods of improving our Customs, & buildings of Shops in the Bazar, as likewise sufficient storehouses for Paddy, and Rice, are much to our content.

15. You need not now take care for dwarfs, the Duchess of Portsm^o^ intending suddenly for france.

16. Wee shall furnish you with English Plants, roots, flowers, and seed, by our winter ships, now wee have not time, and it is too late in the year.

17. You must by noe means, bee thinking of settling at Gulcondah which is but putting a pawn into the hands of those, that are already dispos'd to suppress your power.

18. You may draw any bills upon us, when you think it for our service, but not at above 9^sh^ ℔ Pag^o^:

19. M^r^ ffreemen, and M^r^ Brown, are able men, but except their goods come better sorted, wee shall have no opinion of their integrity; M^r^ Wilcox &c^a^ as you do well observe have deserv'd exceeding well of us, as we hinted to you in our former lres.

20. We are providing another Artist, to send you to Essays of Bullion.

21. Faulcon of Syam will certainly prove an ill man, by what wee have seen of him, wherefore wee advise you, to have no Confidence in him.

22. Wee would have you forthwith settle a factory at Amoy, if you find there is leave given you for a trade, and wee shall send a ship, or ships, that way as soon as the season of the year permitts, of which you shall bee farther advis'd, by the Josia, that is to proceed directly for the Bay, in 8 or 10 days time, This being but

a brief & hasty answer, intended by the George, now in the Downes; if it can be sign'd time enough to Goe by her.

23. Since it hath pleas'd God to deprive us of Mr Bigrig, Wee would have you forthwith send for Mr Lucas from Madapollam, to take his place in our Council at ye fort, we having a very good opinion of him, and we would have you put in his stead as chief of Madapollam Mr Ja Wheeler of whose ability, sobriety, & sincerity to us, wee have great expectation.

24. Enclosed is ye copie of a Letter we have now wrote to or Agent & Council in Bengal, which we judge may be for our service that you should see & consider of; To ye end you may likewise advise them what may be most conducible to our service in all respects, as Circumstances shalbe in India when these lres arrive there: and for ye same reason we have ordered or Secretary to enclose to you all copies of or this years lres to ye Bay.

And so comending you & or affairs to the guidance & protecc̃on of the Almighty, We remayn,

Yor loving friends

Edward Rudge. Josa Child Deptv
Jeremy Sambrooke. Wm Goulston.
Ri. Hutchinson. Tho Canham.
Wm: Sedgwicke. Ja. Edwards.
Peter Daniell. EdwdBouverie.
Tho. Cooke. Hen. Johnson.
Thomas Davall.

Londc 26th: Novbr: 1684.

Our President Agent &
Councill in the Bay of Bengall.

Herewith you will receive Copie of our last of 3d October ℔ ye Persia Merchant unto wch wee have little to add but to inclose an Accot given Us by our Warehouse keeper of the ill Package, & sortmt of divers of our goods to our great prejudice, wch wee would have you take notice off, & see yt for the future our goods be sent Us in better condic̃on, & wthout Errors in their marking.

Wee have entertained Mr Saml. Cudworth as a factor he is Brother to Mr Jno: Cudworth formerlie of our Comtee: He is undr: an Extraordinary Character, having wth great Comendac̃on served out his time to a Mercht of this Citty, He takes passage on the Chandois Capt: Bonneel Comandr: & desires to be placed in some of ye Subordinate Councills in yor: Agencie, wch wee have consented to, & would have you dispose of him accordingly; There alsoe comes with him Mr Jno. Hannum, Mr Jos. Loe, & Mr: Jos. Stavely, ffactors who are to be ymploied in ye Bay.

Mr Jonas Hind, & Abraham Ward his Apprentice are taken into our Service, as you will find by a Lr̃e apart from ye: Comtee: of Secresie to wch wee referr.

Mr Henry Watson is likewise entertained to serve as a Chyrurgeons Mate at Hughly, or Cassumbuzar (where there is most need of him) for 5 years at 25sh a month for ye first two years, & 30sh a Month for the three last years.

Wee have ℔mitted Mr Jno: Bullock to take his passage on ye sd ship for piloting of ships either on ye Coast, or in ye Bay, as there is occasion. Wee remaine

Yor loving freinds

[*Endorsed:*] Copie—Compas Grall to Hughley dated 26 Novembr 1684 ℔ Shrewsbury—No 3—recd ℔ the George the 1th Augst 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

Lond° 16th Febry 168$\frac{4}{5}$

An accompt of Forreign Bullion &cA: exported on ye George for accor: of the ℔sons undermentioned. viz^{r}:

Saml: Meverell	600 oz. Silver
Geo. White	260 £ value in forr̃ silver.

Antº: Gomessera	2000 pⁿ ⅝
Jnº: Tufnaile	1000
Pʳ: & Pʳᵉ: Henriques	1000
Jnº: Jolliffe	1500
Antº: D'Costa	1000
David Mendes	500
Abrª: Bueno Henriques	500
Alphonso Rodrigues	11470 500
Alexª: ffelix	900
Justus Otgher	564 oz. Silver [silver.
Chª: Chambrelan	30 £ value in forr̃ 100

Alphonso Rodrigues, 1 Rubie value 300£ & 1 Chest of Corrall beads value 200£
Antº Rodrigues Marquees 1 Chest Corall beads value 834 £.

Owen Buckingham	100£ in forr̃ silver.
Rodrigo De Sely	500 pⁿ ⅝
Jnº: Carpenter	280
Abrª Browne	175 £ in forr̃ silver.
Joseph ffardinando	190 146
Captª: Neh: Earning & his Officers & Seamen	2400
Owners for the Ships Expences	600
Danˡ: DuBois in Bullion & gold & silver Lace	400

[*Endorsed:*] List of Bullion sent out on private trade on Ship George, 1684—No. 11.—reᵉᵈ 11ᵗʰ Augˢᵗ 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

A List of Goods to be Provided at the Coast and Bay for the year 1686, vizᵗ.

	Pieces.
Long cloth ordinary	25000
Do. fine	10000
Do. browne	1000
Do. blew	10000
Do. blew without stiffening	3000
Sallampores ordinary	75000
Do. ffine	10000
Percallaees of all Sorts fine	10000
P and P P did not Sell; lett the major part be of Nº: 15 and 16 as few Nº: 14 as may be, but none Booke.	
Moorees Superfine Nº: 13 & 14	500
Dº Nº: 7: 8: 9: 10	10000
Dº Nº: 11: 12	2000
Neckclothes 16 to a piece	10000
Dº Single of the Same Sort Sent to Sʳ Josia Child ℔ Josia	50000
Dº white Striped Metchlepatam but must be finer and better then the last sent, to cost from 25 to 36 Pagº	50000
Beteellees of 25 yards long	20000
Dº of 20 yards long	10000
Dº Orringall provided 20 per Cent cheaper else none	1000
Dimities 20 or 30 ℔ Cent cheaper, but very fine	1500
Dyapers provided be cheaper bought	2000
Gulcondah Beteellees, none.	
Ginghams white...	4000
Dº Brown...	500

	Pieces.
D° double threaded, white, as good as in M^r Foxcrofts tyme, these last were not good ...	500
Izzarees provided 20 per Cent cheaper ...	2000
Cummum Beteellees, none.	
Allejaes, must be fresh colours	8000
Saderuncheraes	2000
Colloway Poose	1000
Sacerguntees, must not be Spotted, but bought cheaper	1000
Goacan Cherula	3000
D° of a new Sort to be made full ell wide ...	1000
Dungarees if 50 per cent cheaper	1000
Romalls according to the Samples Sent last year, to be made at the Fort	2500
D° Cotton, as cheap as possible	1500
Sailcoth to be bought 40 per Cent cheaper, all white and made thicker	15000
You will perceive by the Booke of Sales that N° 5 Sold 2^s a piece cheaper than N° : 4 tho' they were bought both at a price as your Invoices by the Kempthorne & George manifest.	
Pegu Sticklack what you can gett, not exceeding ...	100^ts
Ginghams coloured, as in the last list for colours but to be bought cheaper	8000
Romalls Silk N°. S-1. 2,000 S-2. 2,000. N° : F. 4000 but they must be thicker and broader as the sort of Gurrub band cheaper	8000
D° Gurrub N° : G 1 : 8,000 N° : 2 : 8,000 N° 3 : 4,000	20000
D° Ordinary N° : 1 : 2 : 3	20000
Nillaes of Severall Sorts of Stripes, and Some of Small flow^rs, Them of F : A : B and C ℔ the Herbert were good, but must be of Severall Stripes & Some Small flowers, F. A 4000, F B 4000, F C 3000, Ordinary A 3000, B 3000, C 3000, One quarter part black & white, very Small Stripes; half d° as formerly ; the other quart^r part very Small Stripes of Severall colours	20000
Sannoes of Severall Sorts Somewhat broader and to be made whiter ; if they can be bought from 25 to 30 ℔ Cent cheap ... ... if not none.	1000
Herba Taffaties, if made better then formerly to be half Striped and most cloth colours, but no redd, then Send us	1000
Provided they can be bought 30 ℔ Cent cheaper, otherwise Send none at all, for there was lost by the last Sent by the Herbert marked H-F 27 ℔ Cent, but of those Sorts which were Striped by the Same Ship marked S T y^n may Send Us ...	1500
Herba Longees Send none at all.	
Cotton yarne to be reeled in Single threads not hard Spun, if you can gett it made according to the Patterns Sent you, of such as We had at Suratt Send us	200
Herba stuffs made like Chambletts of divers Cloth colours according to the Patterns call'd Soops ...	200(
Whatever new stuffs send us no less then an Entire bale.	

Tincall if to bee bought for 8 Rup^{s} : ℔ Maund send us ... ... 2 or 300 Duppers
otherwise send none at all there being 69 ℔ C^{t} : losse on y^{e} last.
Salt Petre ... ... 500 tuns
Sattins of all sorts of colours, some very good, and some ordinary, no green, nor all silk viz^{t} : black, pink, sky, french yellow, crimson, and some cloth colours ... ... 1000 Ps.
Mohobuthannies ... ... 1000 Ps.
Allibannies ... ... 2000 Ps.
Futta longees and flow'red longees none at all.
Jamwars if small and Neat flowers ... ... 2000 Ps.
Chercannees according to Patterns formerly sent 2000
But note that the Chercannees B. N°: 2 ℔ Herbert did sell for loss at our sale whereas the following Numbers N°: 2 & 3 did sell for 30 or 40 ℔ C^{t} proffitt.
Linga latchees 10 y^{ds} long & 1 y^{d} wide most cloth colours ... 2500
Peniascoes of Cotton 2000
Ditto of silk 500
Chucklaes of sundry stripes and Cloth Colours if can bee bought for 15 £ ℔ C^{t} : cheaper then send us 1000
Else non at all.
Mulmulls flowrd according to former direction, $\frac{2}{3}$ small flowers thick and $\frac{1}{3}$ large flowers 2000
Ditto striped with flowers but the stripes must bee at a great distance soe as there may bee a capacity for y^{e} floweres between ... 500
Ditto striped or Doreas with plain Stripes as formerly order'd $\frac{1}{3}$ 3 stripes $\frac{1}{3}$ small stripes, $\frac{1}{3}$ large Stripes not above $\frac{1}{4}$ of an Inch in the Stripes the larger & finer the better none course 6000
Atlasses $\frac{1}{2}$ ell & Nail wide & 8 y^{ds} $\frac{1}{2}$ long few or none to bee striped yellow and red but most to bee of cloth colours and of small Stripes ... ... 1500 Ps.
Chandennies small stripes wth : variety of Neat cloth colours ... 4000
Orungshies to bee made thicker and sad cloth Colours 1000
Nehallawars 1000
Chawtarrs 1000
Umbres send none at all.
Fine Cossaes as white as possibly may bee to bee yeard & 3 Nailes or ell wide 3000
Mullmulls of all sorts some finer then any yet had and without frays if possible 8000
Tanjeebs 3000
Seersuccurs 4000
Seerbands very fine 1000
Humhums ordinary thick and strong yeard & $\frac{1}{2}$ wide of the sort sent by the Prudent Mary 2000
But send none of those finer sorts that came by y^{e} Herbert N°. 52. 53. S. 1 & 2 &c unless they can bee bought 25 or 30 ℔ C^{t} : cheaper, the most vendible sorts are those that cost from 2 Rup^{s} $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 Rup^{s} : $\frac{1}{4}$.
ffine Addithaes 4000
No Rohings.
Mundells must be 20 yards long and y^{d}. broad in severall colours but the Stripes must be in the Warpes length wayes and not in the Woofe, ell broad if possible, if not, yard broad 1000
Else none at all.

Taffaties Sad cloth colours 15000 and 15000 light colours, whereof ⅓ ffrench yellowes, all made Stronger, the cloth colours most Sad, Nutmeg, Muske, Cinamon 30000
Changeable colours of Severall Sorts 1000
Taffaties black if the silk be first dyed 2000
but of those dyed after made, send none, for they prove rotten.
D° full Skyes 1000
D° Isabella and white 500 each 1000
D° white or Ash to be dyed into black here, half ell & nail wide & better, double pieces 20 y^ds^ long, otherwise called Gudburrowes. 3000
D° Crimson, Good colours ... ... 2000 Ps.
Raw Taffaties but must be better and evener 1500
Striped Cheyne Taffaties according to last direccon for colours ... 3000
No Pattana Chints.
Striped Taffaties 10 y^ds^ long 1 y^d^ wide, ½ cloth colours ½ light ... 2000
Silk Longees 3½ yards, or 7y^ds^ or 10½ y^ds^ long, full yard or y^d^ and half quarter broad, one half Small Chequers, the other half Striped in the Warp length wayes, ½ Cloth colours ½ light, with this direccon 5000
Else few or none.
The former Longees the stripes went the wrong way, these must go the length.
White Sarsenetts 2000
Plush and Velvets if good, Crimson, Sky, Cherry, Mazarine blew that is a deep blew 30
ffor the Velvets the Plush must be cloth colours, from Sad to light cloth colours.
Silk (A) must be bought cheaper 5 Rupees the Seer or thereabouts to be clean, & be sure no Piggtail or Short Skeynes mixt among it, asthe last which came from Cassambuzar, and the long Skeynes in those bales were very fowl & bad Silk ... ... 60 bales.
D°. B 500
D°. C 500
D°. D 200
D°. E 150
D°. F 30
D°. G 10
D°. H 10
D°. J. and K. none at all.
You must have a care it be clean and bright colours w^th^ good gloss.
White Chyna Silk Sorted B. C. D. 40
Floretta Yarne (A) 100
D°. (B) 30
Shellack best & fine from Cassambuzar, no other sort ... ... 25 ts.
Cloves and Nutmegs, if to be had at reasonable rates.

Wee have been strangely abused at Cassambuzar, first in mixing Pigtail among T M A^s^ and Sending So many (A^s^) home contrary to order, and Sending Soe great a quantity of yellow Chyna Silk, for which you pay 30 ℔ Cent dearer then the other Sort, & is worse, beside the Pigtail and Short Skeynes in T M A^s^ the long Skeynes in those bales were ill coloured, & foul Silk, wherein We are much wronged.

Saunders or Redd wood cutt in length proper for Kintlage ... 100 ts.
If you can buy N° (A) throwne cheap, Send us ... ... 10 bales.
To be well Spunn in the first head before it be doubled.

If you want Tonnage buy what Cotton Yarne you can, and in want of that, Cotton wool, of the best, (to be packed with Screws) according to price limitted.

GOODS AS CAME BY THE INTERLOPER WILLIAM & JOHN.

Adakennies according to Patterns formerly Sent	...	...	...	500 PS.
Ajant Bannies, according to Patterns ...	...	...	...	500
Byam bannies, as they brought	...	...	...	500
Cocas mannies, bought by them	...	...	...	500
Soops, Severall Colours, 10 yards long 1. y^{d} wide		...	...	500
Sham Theas, Severall Neat colours & Small Works		...	...	150
Zinhitwans, most black and white Small Works		...	...	150

[*Endorsed*:] List of Goods to be provided :—No. 14.—Rec^{d} ℔ the George the 11th Augst 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

For yo^{r} Long Cloth ordin^{ry}. N°: 1: 2: & 3 we have found it of late years generally thinner than formerly ; which you must endeavo^{r} to have remedied, & those y^{t} shall prove so, tho' they be fine threaded, you must put them to the lower N°:

For yo^{r} browne L. Cloth, let them be all thick & close struck, & none thinn Cloth.

For y^{or} fine L. Cloth, N° 4 & 5, We have not of late reĉed any N° 5 nor have you kept them up to Musters of former years for their goodness, w^{ch} we are willing to excuse for the time past, when you were opprest by y^{e} Interlo℔s. But now shall expect y^{t} you will reduce yo^{r} Merch^{ts} to y^{e} keeping up of all yo^{r} Goods to their former goodnes, both for length, breadth, fyneness, & thinness.

ffor those Long Cloths we write for without stiffening, we would after whiting have the Congee to be wholly washt out of them & beaten up without any Congee, they being intended for Dying for Spain &c^{a} And we cannot here wash y^{e} Congee out of them ; Nor will they when y^{e} Congee is in them, take so good colors as without it.

We have reĉed great dam^{a} by y^{e} blew L: Cloth, being beaten up before it was through dryed, whereby whole bales have come to us Mildewed, w^{ch} you must take[care ?] of for the future.

ffor yo^{r} ordinry Sallampores N°: 3 & 4 Congeroon Cloth yo^{r} N° 7, 8 your Pullycherry Cloth N° : 9 & 10 have not of late years been so kept up to the Musters goodness as formerly, w^{ch} we hope you will take care to remedy ; & for their sorting.

Yo^{r} Sallampores N° : 1 from Pettapollee proved very dear, we being but just Savers by them. Those PP. N° 2 made some advance but those PP. N° 3 None at all. There must be great carelesness in the buying or sorting of them. For all the fyne Sallampores LC. & Parcallaes both from thence & Mechlep^{a} were very dear bought.

ffor yo^{r} Sallampores N° 18, 19 & 20 & Parcallaes N° 14, 15, 16, we would have you take care in y^{e} well buying of them, keeping them up to their full goodness, & true sortment.

ffor yo^{r} Book Parcallaes, they will not turn to acc^{o} here, having a great many upon o^{r} hands, therefore wrote for none of them: but if you can buy them for y^{e} future, 20 ℔ C^{t} cheaper, advise us thereof, & this by that time we have disposed of what we have remaining, we shall give you further order about them.

ffor what Morees we write for, let them be as cheap bought as you can, and even sorted.

Yo^{r} Izarees is a sort of Cloth will sell well here, if they could be bought cheaper : but at y^{e} last prices, we are loosers by them.

Yo^{r} : Bettellees of 40 & 50 Coveds, have much lessen'd in goodness of former years, being coarse & thick struck. If they were made fyne, even & thinner, they would doe much better.

Yo^{r} : Conimere Betellees C N° 25 were very near as good as those C N° 26 & your C N° 28, though they all cost y^{e} same price as C N° 25, yet sold for above 6^{s} a p̃s more, though this sort be not named in o^{r} list, yet let some be sent.

Oringal Bettellees not like what in former years sent, & refer to our list.

A quantity of yo^{r} Dimothies & Dia℔s would sell if bought cheap, but we were loosers by those sent ℔ London; & those bought at Mechlep^{a} thô they cost more, yet yeilded less by 12^{d} ℔ p̃s than those from Pettipollee: referr to the list.

The white broad Ginghams from Pettipollee P N^{o} 1 & 2. were very ill whited & drest; Many of w^{ch} had reĉed dam^{a}, & washt up agen in y^{e} Country with you; But the great defect of them is, y^{t} the warp & y^{e} woof are not alike, one being wove with one thread & the other with two threads, which you must remedy, & give order for the weaving of them both warp & woof with Double thread.

For the 500 p̃s of double threaded white Ginghams w^{ch} we write for of such as were sent home in Agent Foxcrofts time, they must be close struck & thinn, & you must endeavo^{r} to buy them cheap, y^{t} an increase of their Vent may be procured here; for at y^{e} former prices with you they will not turn to acco^{t}.

Yo^{r} fine Neckcloths formerly were used to be kept up to y^{e} full goodness of your 40 or 50 Cov^{ds} Bettelles, but have much decreased therefrom of late years. Take special care to reduce them agen to their former goodness, & let not each Neckcloth be longer than 1½ yd, w^{ch} is 16 Neckcloths in each peece.

Send no Gulcondah Chints, Carpets, Betelles Gunapore from Metchlep^{a}: [*Lacuna*] Shirts of Moorees & L: C.

The Medapoll^{a} L. Cloth N^{o}. 2 fyne, did but just make us Savers, & by y^{e} N^{o} 3 we are loosers 6 ℔ C^{t}.

The Dungarees N^{o}: 1 from Metchlep^{a}: we lost above 40 ℔ C^{t}: by them.

These preceding Notes concerning o^{r} Goods you must not read, or pass cursorily over, but take circumspect, & effectuall care y^{t} we may have noe cause of y^{e} like Complaints hereafter.

[*Endorsed:*] Notes & Direĉons concerning y^{e} Comp^{a} list of Goods—No 1—rec^{d} ℔ the George the 11th Augst 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

LIST OF THE COMPANIES PAQUET TO FFORT ST: GEORGE PER THE SHIP GEORGE.

N^{o}: 1. Companies Generalls to the ffort dated 13th & 18th ffebruary 1684.
2. Copy of the Companies Generall 26 November 1684.
3. Invoice of the Ship George.
4. Bill of Lading D^{o}.
5. Copy of D^{o} Ships Charter party.
6. Copy of the Companies order prohibiting Cuttanees & Atlasses for two years.
7. Patterns of Neckclothes Sent home in private trade.
8. Three Proclamaĉons and his Ma^{ties}: King James's 2^{d}: Speech at his first coming to Councill.
9. A letter to M^{rs} Oneal with a parcell of Gold inclosed therein.
10. Copy of the prices of the last printed Sale of goods in 2 Bookes.
11. List of Bullion Sent on private trade.
12. List of Wines and Goods Sent on private trade.
13. A Booke concerning discipline of Souldiers.
14. List of goods to be provided at the Coast and Bay for the year 1686.
15. Patterns of Cotton Yarne.
16. Order of Court of 21 January 1684 for exportaĉon of Corrall Beads.
17. Letter to the Vice King of Tywan.
18. The Companies paquet to the Bay of Bengall dated 13th ffebruary 1684/5 to be Sent on the George.

[*Endorsed:*] List of the Paquet Per Ship George—1684—rec^{d} the 11th Augst 1685—Entered ℔ S.H.

LONDON 18TH MARCH 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL
ATT FFORT ST GEORG.

We have by the Royall James received a small parcell of Cotton Stockings in pursuance of former directions, but finding the same in an English Manufacture, and that it may be a great discouragement to the poorer sort of people which are very numerous and imployed in that trade. We think it advisable and accordingly do direct, That no more of them be sent us though they should be provided for us, but dispose of them elsewhere the best you can, neither let any more Shirts or Shifts be bought or laden on any of or Ships for or account for the future, Nor any Persian or Golcondah Carpetts of any Sort they being very dear bought and lying upon our hands. We remain

Yor Loveing ffriends
JOSEPH ASHE Governr :
BEN BATHURST.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE. CHRIS : BOONE.
RI : HUTCHINSON.
THO : CANHAM.

[*Endorsed :*]Companies Generall to ffort St George—18th March 1684—recd the 31st Decer : 1685 ℔ Josia—*via* Metchlepa ℔ the Kempthorne from Acheen—Ent. N.H.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCELL
OF FORT ST GEO.

Wee can now but briefly tell you, yt wee are amazed at the prices you have Invoiced to Us yor Owne Goods from China, being 50 ℔ Cent (as neere as wee can guesse) more than they will yeild here. But for a more ℔ticuler inspecc̃on into this matter, Wee have appointed a Select Comtee to drawe up a ℔ticular report therof which shalbe sent you. In ye mean time wee require you to recover from the Proprietors in your China Pincke Cargo, or to detaine in yor hands for our use So much as may make us satisfacc̃on wch wee compute at 50£ ℔ Cent of ye Invoice price at ffort St : George as aforesaid.

The Rubarbe is not worth ye freight, The Thea, generally trash. Captain Harding brought better wch cost him but [twelve pence] & ye [*sic*] ℔ pound in China. The Thea Cups are [dear at]1d a peece at ye ffort, breakeage considered. But after our Sale you shall have a just acco[t] of every ℔ticular; that each interested ℔son in yor Pinck, may refund their Proper Quota of our losse unto us. [Wee depend upon our President & Mr : Yale as they are chiefest in authority & in] our favour to be the first & forwardest in doeing us this just right, It being more than Sufficient that wee have been out of our mony for, & runn ye Risge of yor Goods from ffort St George hither.

We are not only willing to indulge to you, an unlimited trade in India, [with] yor own Stocks, but to encourage you in yor Said Trade, But thus to trade & [put] Comodities upon Us at double their [Value] is intolerable.

Wee shall at more leisure, think of proposeing a method unto you, wherein wee may be safe from losse, & you may [be] Supported in all laudable attempts [for the] enlargemt of Trade, wch you may expect from us in a few daies, if [these] Westerly winds keepe ye Josia longer in ye Downes. Wee are

28th March 1685.

Your very loveing friends
JOSA CHILD Dept :
RI HUTCHINSON.
JOHN MOOR.
EDWARD RUDGE.
EDW DES BOUVERIE.
WM. SEDGEWICKE.

[*Endorsed*:] Compas Generall to Fort St. George dated the 28th March 1685—recd the 31st Decer. 1685 ℔ the Josia via Metchlepa ℔ the Kempthorne from Acheen —Ent. N.H.

List of the Companies pacquet by the Josia, for ffort St George.

No. 1. Copy of the Companies generalls to the ffort, dated 20th September, 4th. October and 27th do. per Ship London.
2. Companies generall dated 2d. Aprill 1683.
3. Invoice of the Ship Josia.
4. Bill of Lading Do. (in a Pacquet apart).
5. Charter party of Do. Ship.
6. The Accomptants paper to the Fort.
7. Remains of Europe Goods at ffort St. George.
8. Direccons for using the Packing Press.
9. Paper concerning the Mint.
10. Order of Court for Permissive trade.
11. Companies generall to the Bay 2d Aprill 1683.
12. Companies Letter to Pedda Vincatadry, China Vincatadry &ca.

[*Endorsed*:] List of the Companies Pacquet to the Fort Per Josia—℔mo Novembr 1683—No. 26—Entd ℔ G. Luckyn.

London 12th August 1685.

Our President & Council
at Fort St George.

Wee have recd: your severall letters by the Beaufort and Rochester, which we shall not now give any particular answer unto, with the former two ships arrived the Nathaniel ye 7th: Instant, and about 8 dayes before ship Charles the 2d and Asia for which God be prais'd.

Wee very well approve of that agreement you have made for a settlement at Priaman, and shall cultivate from hence yt foundation wch you have laid there, as soon & in ye best manner we can.

Wee are now so full of all sorts of Coast goods, and in expectacon of such a further supply, that we must for a time lessen our trade thither, wherefore we desire you to make provision of no other goods for us, but what we have positively [advise] for, untill you have recd: our further orders by our next shipping. In the mean time you will have leisure we hope, not only to putt off all our old ends and remains, but to buy the Commoditys at least 20 ℔ Cent cheaper, or at least so much better sorted than ever they were, since that year Mr Bigrig had the care of our warehouses, which hath not been since parallelld, This affair of sorting is of most principall concern to us, & therefore wee must desire our President himself, as often as possibly he can, to inspect the sorting and soe right done us therein.

Metchlepatam is such a chargeable & useless Factory to us, considering the nearness of Maddapollam & Pettipolee, that we do hereby require you forthwith to dissolve it, and bring away all our remaines & moveables from thence to ffort St George.

And by our shipping we will write you how to dispose of Mr ffreeman and our other servants reduced from yt ffactory, in ye meantime they may bee assistant to you in any service att the ffort.

Wee are so well satisfy'd in Mr Ords acting for us in all places where he hath been lately imploy'd, that we resolve he shall continue Chief of our Factory at Priaman, & Mr Cawly 2d, without being Superceded by any other person of wch you are to take notice.

Pegu will never be a place for us, worth y^e^ charge of a factory, so we would have you proceed no further therein.

So comitting you and Our affairs to the guidance and proteccon of the Almighty We remain

Your loving friends

HEN : JOHNSON.	JOSEPH ASHE Govern^r^
BEN BATHURST.	JOS^A^ CHILD Dep^ty^
THO : RAWLINSON.	WORCESTER.
GEORGE BOUN.	WM : JAREETT.
JOHN GOODERE.	JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
W^M^ SEDGWICKE.	JOHN LETHIEULLIER.
R. HUTCHINSON.	CHRIS. BOONE.

[*Endorsed :*] Companies General to Fort S^t^. George 12 August 1685—rec^d^ 5th May 1686—Ent. J.S.

COPIE A CLAUSE TAKEN OUT OF A GENNERALL LETTER FROM THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: COMP^A^: DATED AUGUST 12: 1685 RECD IN SURAT MARCH 2^D^: 1685/6.

Wee hope you have not resettled any Factory at Syam, wee having found by long experiance, that place will never doe us any Service especially while that wicked fellow Phaullkon hath any authority with the King; by y^e^: perusall of all the Syam Bookes and Papers, we finde that M^r^: Potts M^r^: Strangh and M^r^ Crouch did Serve us worthily, and were true to Our Interest according to y^r^: abilities, in y^r^: respective capacities; but they were Overpowerd and intollerably abused by Phaulkon; and therefore we doe desire you by the 1^st^: Oppertunity to demand and Recover if you cann, Sattisfaction of that King; and that Phaulcon may be punnished according to his deserts, in Order whereunto recall that ffactory as soone as you cann.

Vera Copia.
℔ JN^O^ SHAXTON Sec^r^

[*Endorsed :*] Copia a Clause of a Gennerall lett^r^: from y^e^: R^t^: hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Dated August 12^th^: 1685/6—recd: 5th May 1686—Ent. J.S.

LONDON 26^TH^. AUGUST 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE.

Wee have writt you already overland, and to be plain with you we must now tell you, we are not Satisfy'd with the Sorting of any years cloth, since M^r^: Bigrig did that work, neither will it be endured to have that work slighted in any place, it being our most principall concern, and therefore we shall by our ships write you, to displace such sorters, as we judge may have been unfaithfull to us, in any places (after we have taken a thorrough examination of all goods) and now M^r^ Lucas is in that employ at our ffort, we shall expect, that all our Cloth should be of full goodness to our Musters, and if we find it otherwise we shall trust no more nor believe him to be an honest man, what ever excuses are wrote us, and therefore that he may have no pretence, to lay the blame on any other in his absence, we require you and him, that he bee alwaies resident at the ffort, and not sent upon any other business to any other place.

Wee hope M^r^: Gyfford during his Presidentship will have adventured by some reasonable waies to encrease our Revenue there, to such a degree, as may fully

answer the whole charge of Government, Garrison, Factory, Shops, and other contingencys, which certainly is not a thing of such monstrous difficulty, as to be so long a hammering out, after such a place as that is grown into so great a trade, and shipping, and such multitude of inhabitants. We think most certainly if the Dutch had that place, under those circumstances you are, and those libertys we give you, and all our Inhabitants, they would raise from it twenty shillings for every single shilling we raise, what hinders but that we may in some proportion imitate their wisdom, (tho [wee hate] their injustice and oppression) you have from our Sovereign, and from us, as much power as the [Generall] and Council of Batavia have from y^e^ States Generall, and we do now as little fear the King of Gulcondah's displeasure as they can, the Chingee Country being sufficient to supply us with what goods, we shall have occasion for, for some years, wherefore now is the time (despising all base complyance with the natives of the place for private benefitts) to encrease our Revenue by some means or other (except by encrease of Customes, which we would not raise as yett) and we shall be glad that our President Gyfford, (who we must alwaies own hath done well for us, in most other things) should have the honour of deserving alike from us in this Kind, which he hath not as yet done, the reason we know not, unless it be too much complyance with the Natives, but we will not have any further delay in this matter, And therefore we do hereby require our President forthwith to put in execution all we have formerly wrote him, touching that revenue, and that he do encrease it considerably, to what it now is, by such ways and means, as he and our Council shall think most expedient, and least burthensome to our Inhabitants (except Customs as aforesaid) and that your next letters after the receipt of this, may inform us, not what you intend to doe but what you have actually done in this matter, it is our ambition for the honour of our King and Country, and the good of Posterity, as well as of this Comp^a^: to make the English Nation, as formidable as the Dutch, or any other Europe Nation, are or ever were in India; but that cannot be done, only by the form and with the methods of trading Merchants, without the Politicall Skill of making all fortifyed places repay their full charge and Expences.

We have considered of the liberty you have wisely articled for coyning of money, at Priaman, but in regard you have a Mint already, and your place is the Residence of our Presid^t^, We do not think itt conven^t^ presently to send instruments or Coyners from hence, but have resolved that our Chief & Council there, shall proclaim all the species of Coynes following curr^t^ in rec^ts^ & payments at Pryaman viz^t^: Pag^os^: at 10^s^ a Spanish Dollar at 6^s^ a Dutch Dollar 5^s^ at which rate it goes at Atcheen, & all the South Seas over, y^e^ Rupee att 3^s^ a ffanham at 4^d^ Pice at ½ of a penny & Pettys at the rate they formerly went in Bantam Viz^t^ [*lacuna*] to a peice of ⅝ Ryalls, and accordingly we would have you forthw^th^ to get stamps, & imediately goe in hand with coyning Rupees, the motto whereof may be, the English Rupee on one side, and the Comp^as^. armes on the other and use your own fancies in y^e^ impressions of y^e^ small money, make your Rupees as near as you can, constantly of the fineness & weight of y^e^ Bengall Rupee, & your Dutch Dollars as near as you can, of the alloy and weight of the Dutch dollars usually coyn'd by the Dutch East India Comp^a^. currant in Batavia & all the South Seas, but let y^e^ inscription of it on the one side be, the English East India Dollar, & on y^e^ Reverse this Comp^as^. Armes.

It is not unlikely but that y^e^ King of Gulcondah having many years permitted your Pag^o^: to pass throughout his Country, may likewise allow of your Rupees, although our present direccon to you is not to impose them on his, or any other Kings or Rajas subjects, without their Phirm^d^ first obtaind for that purpose, but only to send such a quantity of your new & old coyne to Pryaman, as you think they may have occasion of.

We shall dispatch 2 great ships to you in November or Decemb^r^ next, & upon them some souldiers, but our 2 ships shall not stay with you but proceed as soon as is possible for Bengall to take in what goods can be procured there, and from thence to return again to you to fill up &c^a^ taking in goods by the way, at

such of your Northern ffactories as you shall direct. So committing you & our affaires to the guidance & protection of the Allmighty. We remain

Your loving friends

JOHN BANKS.
JOHN LETHIEULLIER.
SAM DASHWOOD.
CHRIS BOONE.
WM SEDGWICKE.
R. HUTCHINSON.
THO: RAWLINSON.

JOSEPH ASHE Goverr
JOSA: CHILD Depty.
BEN: BATHURST.
WM: JARRETT.
JAM: WARD.
THO COOKE.
JOHN GOODERE.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies General to Fort St George Dated 26th August 1685—recd 5th May 1686—Ent. J. S.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL AT FORT ST GEORGE.

LONDON 17TH JUNE 1686.

The 3d Instant arrived the ffleece from Bengall, and the 4th do the Mexico from Suratt, by the latter We have recd Articles against Constant Phaulcon of Syam, containing Such notorious abuses of our Servants there, and Such infractions of Our priviledges, which We are resolved not to putt up, and therefore have writt to Our Generall of Suratt, to demand Severe punishmen^{t}: to be Inflicted upon the Said Constant Phaulcon & Satisfaccon to be made us for our damages, by the disapointment of the Mexico's voyage, burning of our ffactory and goods, and loss of all our debts, which damages We Suppose may amount in the whole to about ten or fifteen thousand pounds Sterl̃, which we are resolved to reprize Our selves for upon the Said King of Syam and his Subjects in case he make us not Satisfaccon upon our demands in an amicable and friendly way, Which out of kindnes to you We give you notice of that you may be cautious how you trust any thing of your own in that Kings Dominions, altho' We do not think it advisable to tell you or any other friend how, where or when we intend to reprize our selves. So commending you and our affairs to the protection of the Almighty We remain

Yor Loving ffriends

Since the writing the above, it hath pleased God to arrive with us the Henry & Wm: from the Bay and the East India Merchant from Surrat, confirming our advices of the Surrender of Bombay to Sr Tho Grantham.
22th June 1685.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
JOHN GOODERE.
HEN: JOHNSON.
JOSEPH HERNE.
GEORGE BOUN.
THO: COOKE.

JOSEPH ASHE Goveri
JOSA CHILD Depty.
BERKELEY.
JA: EDWARDS.
JOHN LETHIEULLIER.
JAM: WARD.
CHRIS BOONE.

[*Endorsed*:] 17th / 22 } June 1685— Compas Generall to ye Fort—recu from Surratt ye 4th July 1686—Entred ℔ H. M.

LONDON 14TH JANUARY 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. We have been so particular in all our letters to you overland this year of all wch We send you Copies herewith that We have not occasion to write to you So largely by these Ships as we had formerly, when we Sent you more Shipping and Stock.

2. The reasons We send so little now for the Coast and Bay are, first, Because We know not in what Condicõn Our affairs may be now in the Bay.

2dly. Because We have vast quantities of very many sorts of goods upon our hands, and now that ye Interlopers are perfectly subdued, and you will in all probability be troubled with none of them, it wilbe in vain for us to clog our selves with multitudes of goods here untill part of our Stores lying dead by us (under hazard of fire and other accidents) be disposed of, and the markets become a little quicker in Europe, than they have been of late years.

3dly. Though we hope we have made provision for the worst that can happen in the Bay, yet We Shalbe very glad that those differences there between our Servants, the Nabob, & his inferior Governors may be amicably composed.

3. What our Stock is wch we have now Sent for your Presidency you will understand by the bills of Loading and Invoyces accompanying this paquet, & we hope you will find it Sufficient wth. what you have of Ours already to dispatch those 3 Ships to us in due tyme especially considering that you will not be now under the confinement of one Single years demorage, We having contracted with all our own Ships Sent out this year, to serve us if there be occasion for it 2 years in India upon demorage, notwithstanding wch: when once our affairs are well Setled in Bengall, We would have yu dispatch these Ships to us as soon as you can, or two of them, if you can have such an advantagious freight for one of them to Persia from Metchlepatam, as Mr freeman procured for the Syam Merchts. last year, in wch. he did the Compa: very good Service, and we hope may do the like this year for one of the best of our Ships, altho' Our Factory at Metchlepatam be dissolved according to our former orders sent you overland.

4. We then writt you that by our Ships We would direct yu how to dispose of Mr ffreeman and the rest of our ffactors of that dissolved ffactory of Metchelapatam, and now We do accordingly appoint Mr ffreeman to be of our Councill of ffort St. George next above Mr. Littleton untill we can provide otherwise & better for him, and for the rest of Our ffactors late of that place We must leave them to the disposicõn of our President and Council to dispose of them where they may be most Serviceable unto us, according to their Seniority and Meritt, We say both Seniority & Meritt, for we shall alwayes reckon Seniority no title to any preferment in our Service where there shal be found Sloth profanes, Infidelity or other defect of meritt, as there Seems to us apparently in Mr du Jardin & Mr Ramsden both whom We do hereby dismiss our Service & require yu to cause our Attorney imediately to prosecute them, and proceed to Judgment & Execucõn against them for yt debt wch each of them do ow us of wch We send you an accot under Mr Beyers hand inclosed.

5. It is in vain for us ever to make laws and orders if our Servants may So Shamefully break them Impunê, and if we cannot, (or our Governors will not) punish the offenders according to law in that Country where their offence was comitted as the Wise Dutch alwayes do, and We and you must if we will discharge uprightly that trust which his Maty and [the Adventurers] have Comitted to us, We say his Maty:, as [well as the] Adventurers, for tho' ye Adventurers have trusted us wth the managemt of their Stocks, It is the King that hath intrusted us, and We, you, wth ye governmt: of the English Colonies, and wth. a power of making laws and constitiõns Military & Civill to punish all Offendrs according to their demeritts, where the offences are comitted as aforesd. without the weake chargeable and ineffectuall remedy of Sending them home for England for that purpose.

6. We observe in yos of severall complaints of the ill Sorting of our cloth at Codalore, Mr. Davis Chief, and the like about Mr Wheeler, you have not yet fully informed us of ye truth of the Complaints, and where the fault lyes, but We are Sure our cloth is ill Sorted, therefore wherever the fault is, displace any such unfaithfull Servant, and putt in their roome another more honest and Sufficient.

7. A list of what goods we would have you provide for these ships you will receive w^th^. this pacquet, Subscribed by S^r^ Jeremy Sambrooke to whom We have left y^e^ principall care of that busines.

8. Our Custom at your place, at Bombay & Pryaman We have established inward from the Sea at 5 ℔ C^t^ and So we would have you exact that duty punctually from all persons whatsoev̄ from & after the arrivall of these ships, it being of absolute necessity to us to levy Such duties from the Inhabitants of our fortified places protected by us, as may defray those excessive charges w^ch^. you see we do freely ingage in for the Hon^r^ & Interest of Our King & Country as wel as for the good of all ℔sons y^t^ live und^r^ o^r^ protecc̄on.

9. Some other laws We have likewise made for the good order, Security and governm^t^: of that place, of w^ch^ y^u^ shall have a Copy, Subscribed by the Sec^ry^, when we have fully agreed the words of them.

10. We hope you have begun the walling in of the Black towne and taken [in a] Competent quantity of void ground, for We do expect that [towne] will yet much Increase in the number of Inhabitants and that our ground rents may improve to a very considerable value hereafter, the great liberty we give of all trade in India, the resort of our own Shipping, the strength of the place, and that great Justice We would have you Impartially exercise towards all Inhabitants, being Such foundac̄ons as must in tyme induce a great & famous Superstructure, and therefore We would have you be alwaies most kind and indulgent to the Inhabitants that observe our laws & protect them in the Same uninterrupted liberty of their severall Religions in w^ch^ they were born & bred as you do those of our own Church and Nation.

11. But all mankind enjoying such protecc̄on, assurance and property in their Persons and Estates, must & do defray the Charge of their protecc̄on & preservac̄on in all ℔^ts^ of y^e^ world wherever the Sun or Moone Shines, w^ch^. is an undeniable argum^t^. whereof you may make use as there shalbe occasion. And consequently the duty of Murage is incumbent upon all ffreemen (for such Wee acco^t^ our Inhabitants of Fort S^t^. George to be) and y^u^ must exact it from them in Such manner as may be least offensive to any; So, the Danes at Trincombar with very little trade, & none of y^e^ best Governm^ts^. as you know, built their Bastions at Trincombar w^th^ voluntary contribuc̄ons from the Sev̄all Casts living under them & with a little kindnes Shewn, as Small Piscashes to y^e^ Cheifs of their Sev̄all Casts to Sweeten their Concurrence when the Danes had little or no force to compell any Such Complyance (where reason would not prevail) w^ch^ God be thanked is not your case.

12. We have much more to impart to you touching this whole ffleet and the disposition of the sev̄all Ships w^ch^ compose the ffleete & y^e^ sev̄all Cap^ts^, Lieut^ts^ Officers and Souldiers on board them, w^ch^ for Secrecy Sake we Shall not menc̄on in this letter, but referr you to our Secrett Com̄itte appointed for that purpose.

13. We are very carefull to cultivate that hopefull Setlem^t^ at Pryaman, unto w^ch^ place we have Sent near 300 Soldiers and 49 pieces of great Ordnance by two Ships the Herbert & Royall James, in company of the former went the Rose a Small Ship of 120 ^ts^ whereof M^r^. Thomas Lucas is Master & Sole Owner, w^th^. lib̄ty to trade in India, & have the freedom of our Ports, if he arrive in any of them, paying each tyme his Custom & Port Charges of one Barrell of Powder & one Do^l^ for Anchorage, w^ch^ we resolve all Ships whatsoev̄ English or Strangers that have any benefitt by any of our fortified ports Shall pay us every voyage as they do at Barbadoes & all other English Colonies in America and accordingly We enjoyn you to exact it from all Ships, & if any freighted by our selves refuse it, upon yo^r^ returning us the Comand^rs^ Names We shall stop it here out of their respective freights.

14. That you may understand upon what terms Cap^t^ Udall is freighted & that you need not make any provision for him, We have Sent you w^th^ this paquet a Copy of his Charterparty as also Copies of the Charterp^r^ties of 2 or 3 Small Ships that go along w^th^. this ffleet for the Coast and Bengall, w^ch^ are not to return

for Europe untill nor except they Shalbe freighted for that purpose as you will See more particularly by the Said Charterparties.

15. We have bought a new Ship of 150 Tons w^ch^ We have named the Pryaman & She is now going thither M^r^ Unkettell Master, whom we have appointed to leave her there to the conduct of his Cheif Mate M^r^ Hobson, & He M^r^ Unkettell is to remain there Our Engineer, Master Shipwright and youngest of Our Council, he being a great Artist in most Sciences, prudent, Sober, and we have reason to beleeve of exact fidelity.

16. We intend he shall there make a Carpenters yard and bring up Slaves for workemen and furnish the yard w^th^ timber & all Necessaries fitt for building & repayre of all kind of Ships as the Island of Unrust is used by those of Batavia, of w^ch^ M^r^ Styleman can give you a further acco^t^.

17. In order to the perfecting this worke and Security of that important place Pryaman We would have you send our Gov^r^. M^r^ Ord whatever he shall write for, and if need be a Supply of Musteez and Gentue workemen and Soldiers also a good Store of Gunpowder (of w^ch^ you have enough) that he may not want for Defence of the place, and for Sale to the Chyneses or any other that shall come thither to buy it.

18. Though We have established 5 ℔ Cent to be Our constant Sea Custom hereafter, Our meaning is all goods Shipt out or landed, but that any goods that have once paid Our 5 ℔ C^t^ Custom inward from the sea Should be permitted to be Shipt out again freely without paying new Custom.

19. We know it may be objected that this Increase of Custom may lessen the trade of Madrass, and raise again that of S^t^. Thoma, but against that We have provided laws, W^ch^ we will have Strictly executed, and for further prevencon, We do hereby empower you to take a ffarm of S^t^ Thoma & all parts near thereunto, by the growth whereof y^u^ conceive our ffort & town of Madrass may come to be prejudiced, and when you have done that, since We have laid out Such vast sums of money upon the securing & improveing that place, We will rather make use of our Arms to defend our dear bought Right, then Suffer our selves to be cheated by any Trick or Contrivance of the fruit of So many years disbursements.

20. ffor now you have So Strong a Garrison and so many Ports to buy our goods at to the Southward, you may at any tyme, (by forbearing Trade in Lingapa's Country, and by filling our Stores with Rice from Porta Novo and Bengall) compell Lingapa to give you fair quarter, and So we would have you to do, and Show a Martiall countenance to him, if there be cause for it, especially in that most essentiall matter of S^t^ Thoma, Tho' if by witt and a little money you can gett a Phirmaund for the ffarm of it for years, it wilbe the best way, and then you will have a just ground, defend or destroy all buildings there by the force of Arms, as you shall find most conducent to our Interest and the support or encrease of our Revenue at Madrass.

21. Lieutenant Thomas [Child at] his going out owed Some money to persons that were [civill to] him in furnishing him out, for w^ch^. he gave bonds, authentic copies whereof our Secretary will send you with this, and We do require you monthly to detain in the Companies Cash 20^s^ ℔ month untill the debt be paid, advising us by our Shipping how much you have detained that We may pay it here to the Proprietors.

22. We have often writt you formerly that you should cause some quantity of yo^r^ fine Beeteellees to be Strip'd part with Small Stripes of a Straw's breadth, and part with broader Stripes, and Some flow'red like the Bengall Doreas, w^ch^. now especially if there Should happen any Interrupcon to Our Bay trade is more Necessary then ever, and therefore We do hereby enjoyn you, as soon as you receive this to Send for yo^r^ Merchants and cause them to go in hand with providing Such Sort of goods according to the patterns inclosed, and the quantityes menconed in our list, and contract not with any Merchants at the ffort for other goods, that will not engage to furnish you w^th^ a Suitable proporcon of these.

23. You will know certainly before we can here, whether our Bay trade wilbe much interrupted this year or not, and if you find it be, you must in your

providing goods for us, run especially upon those sorts of goods, which in kind and use come nearest to those sorts, that We have usually had from the Bay, or to Such of them as you can come nearest unto (our President knows the sorts in Both places) which We have had some respect to in drawing this List.

24. We have proceeded very farr in a Treaty with the Dutch Deputies here, about the restitution of Bantam, and in words they Seem willing to admitt our demands, except that of giving us possession of the ffort there undemolished, upon that the Treaty Seems to be at a Stand, and they pretend their old Comission is expired the 10th Instant, and now they Stay for a new One, which is an old Method of theirs, wch you understand.

25. But if our principall Governors and Servants in India could once arrive at the wisdom of making fortified places in India defray their Cost and charge, the Dutch Should have no Joy of their [taking] Bantam, but rather repent that wisdom which their Injustice hath forced us to learn of them. Pryaman certainly when well secured, if it be So managed, as not to eat us up with the charge, may be a better place for Pepper then ever Bantam was, especially considering that we were there Sojourners only, that paid the King one way or other 50 ℔ Ct. Custom, but We must confes Pryaman nor Tecoe are comparable to Bantam for the Japan or China trade, and for refreshmt, if you should hereafter Send Ships towards Borneo, or the Spice Islands, but there is a place in the world, and as easy to be Setled as Pryaman that Answers better to all those ends then ever Bantam did or could if we had it again upon our own Terms, of which our Secrett Comittee will give you Some further informacon and nothing will bauk us from, but the fear of your defect, of that politicall science of creating Revenues, where you make Garrisons, which defect can proceed from nothing else but want of Custom and a pittifull narrow Spirit in Some, of not being content with protecc̃on and the freedom of trade, except they may likewise in effect be free of Customs and duties which is against nature and the universall reason of all Nations. It may be said why cannot the Company now Subsist with as Small duties, as they levied formerly, the Answer is easy, they may Subsist as they did, having their ffactories generally at the mercy of the Heathens among whom they lived, but then they Shalbe So weak in India as the Dutch when they please may rout them out of all India in one year, as they have already out of all the noblest parts of India. And if it should be asked how the Dutch can maintain 170 forts and fortified places in India, while 2 or 3 can hardly be Supported by the English Company, the Answer is the same, All the Dutch Stock would not maintain their 170 forts one yeare, but for their engrosment of Spice and their Skill of making their Natives pay the charge of their fortified places, and this last We say is all the foundacon of their greatnes and power, for how have they engrossed Spice, but by fortificacons, and how have they maintained their fortificacons, but Singly by that Skill wch we now recom̃end to yor Imitacon.

26. In answer to what you write about Mr Jearsey, We did formerly in Agent Masters tyme write him to make a full end thereof, and through whose neglect it was not done We know not, We would therefore have you peruse all those papers sent, and then adjust the accot. with him, giving him credit for what is duely brought to Our Cash, but not for any demands of underprizing of his goods or Selling them at under rates ℔ any of or ffactors (against whom in particular he must have his demand) & whatever mistakes he hath made in accots to or prejudice, of bad debts brought to our accots, not properly belonging to us, or any over charges placed by him to our accots, let him make them good to us, and the Ballance Soe Stated between him & us by you that must be as equall Arbitrators between both, with what is justly due thereon, let be paid or received, and discharges taken, Sending us Copies of your proceedings.

27. What we have further to direct you in ye prosecucon of the voyages of these Frigots and Ships now Sent out to you, We have left it to a Secrett Comittee to manage vizt: Our Governor Sr: Joseph Ashe Sr Josia Child Deptv, Sr Benjamin Bathurst, Sr Jeremy Sambrooke and Mr Joseph Herne or any three of them, whose

direccons & orders under their hands, or from them under our comon Seal, you are to follow.

And So commending you and our Affairs to the protecc̃on of y^e^ Almighty We remain

Yo^r^ Loving Friend

WORCESTER. JOSEPH ASHE Govern^r^.
BERKELEY. JOS^A^ CHILD Dep^ty^.
JAM : WARD. JA EDWARDS.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE. BEN BATHURST.
JOHN LETHIEULLIER. SAM DASHWOOD.
JOSEPH HERNE. HEN JOHNSON.
R. HUTCHINSON.
JOHN GOODÉRE.
GEORGE BOUN.

LONDON Y^E^ 20 JANUARY 1685.

P.S. Wee have entertain'd M^r^ Jeremy Johnson & M^r^ John Yateman to be Essay Masters in our Mint at y^e^ sallary of 40 £ ℔ annum each, to commence from y^e^ 20^th^. day of January 1685/6 whereof M^r^ Yateman is to receive but 15 £ yearly from you, the remainder being 25 £ Wee are to pay to his wife here and you may send either of them into y^e^ Bay, to be employ'd in our Mint there, as there shall be occasion.

Lieutenant Francis hath given us his Bond for payment of 16 £ for y^e^ Passage of his Wife & Child, which you are to deduct out of his pay, as it shall become due.

The Conimere Bookes both Journall & Ledger are Imperfect, they erre in severall Articles as well posting as Addition, for Instance they make Rich^d^ Milton D^r^. in y^e^ Ballance Pag^s^ 3 :— : 1 w^ch^. is not posted in y^e^ Creditt of his acco^t^. Besides y^e^ 30^th^. April 1684 Jourñ folio 38 they make rec^d^. of him Pag^s^ 18 : 4 : 2 w^ch^. they say is for Ballance of his Acco^t^. if so, he ought not to remain a D^r^, you are therefore to advise them to be more carefull for y^e^ time to come.

Wee did in ours of 28^th^. March & 1^st^ April last, express at large our just resentments touching y^e^ China goods, w^ch^. you sent us on y^e^ Royall James, & hope you have taken care to make good our Dammages we have sustain'd by them, and do now return you on y^e^ Beaufort y^e^ Stockens Rhubarb & fflowers, w^ch^. find no vent here, for which you are to give us Creditt in your Acco^t^, according to theire severall acco^ts^. herewith viz^t^.

for y^e^ Stockens	Pag^s^	48 : 19 : 2
for y^e^ flowers		190 : 4 : 0
for y^e^ Rhubarb		1386 : 34 : –
for y^e^ returned goods	Pag^s^ :	1625 : 21 : 2 w^ch^

wee have charg'd to your acco^ts^ :

We have since expos'd y^e^ China Ware to sale, w^ch^. yielded but £ 1053 as ℔ y^e^ acco^t^. herewith sent, & when y^e^ Buyers had paid for severall lotts, upon view of them they found them Crack'd, & refused to take them away, So that their money was forc'd to be return'd to them, & most were since resold in September sale last.

You have enclos'd likewise y^e^ Severall acco^ts^. of y^e^ Sale of Musk, Rawsilk, Pelongs, Gelongs & Thea, the nett proceed being as followes.

Musk	£1501 : 06 : 02
Silk	760 : 12 : –
Pelongs	80 : 08 : 07
Gelongs	886 : 08 : –
Thea	3626 : 18 : 11
Earthern ware	1053 : –: –
Totall ...	£7908 : 13 : 8

Which we have brought in Creditt of yo^r^ Presidency and charg'd that Acco^t^ with the Invoyce cost & charges of them to which is added 2 years Interest, & y^e^ Insurance from your Port, as you will see by y^e^ severall acco^ts^ enclos'd viz^t^:

Earthenware	Pag^s^	5090: 24: –
Musk		4213: 18: –
Silk Raw		3020: 05: 2
Pelongs		375: 30: –
Gelongs		3461: 15: 4
Thea		6003: 9: –
Totall ...	Pag^s^	22164: 30: –

which is charg'd to your acco^t^. and desire that you accordingly Creditt our Acco^t^. Currant for y^e^ same. Wee remain

Your Loving ffriends
JOSEPH ASHE Goverr^r^
JOSEPH HERNE. JOSIA CHILD Dep^ty^.
JAM: WARD.
JOHN GOODERE.
THO: RAWLINSON.

[*Endorsed:*] Comp^as^ generall to the Fort dated the 14^th^ January 1685/6—rec^d^ ℔ Beaufort 8^th^ July 1686—Entred ℔ H.M.

LONDON 14^TH^ OCTOBER 1685.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

In regard of the good Allyance that hath long continued between the English and Danish Nations, and is now Strengthned by the happy marriage of the Illustrious George Prince of Denmark, with her Royall highnes the Princess Anne Second daughter of our Sovereign Lord King James now reigning, whom God long preserve, we have thought it requisite, that you should not onely keep a Strict Amity with the Danish Chief & Council at Trincombar in the East Indies, but that you Should at all tymes when they desire it, give leave to 4 of theire Danish ffactors to reside in Our Town of Madrass at theire own Charge, to make Sale of or to buy and provide, any goods for Merchandize for the use of the Danish East India Company, and the Same to import or export on any Ships or Vessells without paying any Custom, Toll, or any other duty whatsoev̄, his most Excellent Ma^ty^ the King of Denmark haveing given Us his Reciprocall letter to the Danish Governor & Council at Trincombarr to the Same Effect, W^ch^ We intend to Send you by the next Ships, We are

Your Loving ffriends.

[*Endorsed:*] Copy of the Companies Generall to ffort S^t^. George, dated 14^th^ October 1685—No. 5—rec^d^ the 8^th^ July 1686 ℔ Ship Beaufort—Entred ℔ H.M.

George Ramsden, being Cheiff at Vizagapatam a new Factory settled in August 1682. Runn in the Company's Debt. during those first Books, A concluded the 28 February 1683/4 Pag^s^ 2097: 27: 4 being £943: 19: 11.

Clement DuJardin at Vizagapatam entertained a Factor in 1682, borrows 100 Pag^s^: in 9be̅r 1683 of the Comp^s^: money to make an end of a quarrell he had with some of the Natives and in February at concluding of those books he is charged with Pag^s^: 72: 1:—for goods by him sold to others (I suppose as Warehouskeeper) and tooke to himselfe, soe that at the closure of those books (his Salary being paid) he remained a debtor of Pag^s^: 160: 6: 2. being £72: 1: 7.

Lu^o^, the 11^th^ January 1685/6

FFRANCIS BEYER Accompt̄:

[*Endorsed:*] Abstract of y^e^ Debt from M^r^ Ramsden & M^r^ Du jordain.—No. 5—Rec^d^ y^e^ 7 July 1686 ℔ Beaufort—Entred H.M.

AN ACCO[T] OF WHAT COAST & BAY GOODS ARE REMAINING IN THE COMP[A]: WAREHOUSE UNSOLD 29[TH]: DECEMBER 1685. VIZ[T]

		Peeces	
	Long Cloth ord[ry]:	88515	
	D° fine	8360	
	D° Blew	6560	
	D° Brown	9600	
	Sallampores ord[ry]	71940	
Send none	D° fyne	51393	
Send none	Parcallaes	20000	
Send none	D° Book	19480	
	Izarees	5396	
Send none	Betellees...	53540	
Send none	D° Rowalu	2000	
Send none	D° Cumun	11500	
Send none	D° Gulcondah	13399	
Send none	D° Oringall	35957	
Send none	D° Podovet	4800	
Send none	D° Gunapore	5700	
	Neck cloths, ill sorted	15558	
	Sacerguntees	6371	
	Colloway Poos	5200	
	Sail cloth	5400	y[e] finer sort y[e] better.
	Dungarees	34370	
	Ginghams white	7200	
	D° Colo[rd]	23575	
	Nillaes fine	500	
	D° ord[ry]	8490	
Send none	Carpets	44	
Send none	Curtains 20 Sett	160	
Send none	Salpacadoes	900	
Send none	Succatums	1500	
	Diapers	900	
	Dimities	1800	
Send none	Chintz Patana	2540	
Send none	D° Brampore	3000	
Send none	Shirts & Shifts	108120	
	Lungees flowerd	5344	
	D° Herba	10000	
	D° Herba & Cotton	3600	
	Sannoes fine	120	
	Do ord[ry]	10212	
	Humhums	13368	
Send none.	Sooseys	14950	
	Chucklaes	14321	
Send none.	Cuttanees plaine	23898	
Send none.	D° strip'd & flowerd	23561	
	Mulmuls	23215	
	Tanjeebs	6240	
Send none.	Rohings	160	
Send none.	Atlasses	2178	
Send none.	Girdles flowerd	1712	
	Jamawars	87	
	Photaes	100	
	Chantaes	440	
Send none.	Amorees	661	

	Taffaties Raw		4280	
	D° fine		2850	
	D° strip'd herba & Cotton		200	
	Cossaes		1710	
	Doreas		4997	
	D° Narr°		2464	
	Romalls Grub		23191	
	D° Shute		30523	
	D° Casharro		1200	
	Mohobutbañees		2331	
	Luckhories		4000	
	Adaties		640	
	Gurrahes		2960	
	Elatches		384	if made fine & 10 yds long & cloth colors will doe well 2000 p̃s.
	D° Lingua		200	
Send none.	Baftas		2700	
	Emerty		200	
	Chercannees		460	
	Nehallawars		400	
	Seersuckers		416	
	Chandenies		477	
	Mundels		163	
Send none.	Rastaes		386	
	Musters		200	
	Canvas		48	
	Gold & flower'd Loes		21	
Send none.	D° playn		4	
	Gold & flowerd Cushions		4	
	D° Silver		2	
	Raw Silk...	Bales	5	
	D° Bannaharas	parcel	1	
Send none.	Silk Stockins	pair	80	
	Box of flowers		1	

Ex.

This List of all our Remains of Coast & Bay Callicoes & Stuffs Wee send you, that you may thereby see y^e^ Reason why Wee totally forbid you at present sending us any more of some of the sorts, & have lessend y^e^ Quantity in others, for what goods not herein mencon'd Wee referr you as to your providing of them unto our former list, but send us no more turmerick untill further order.

[*Endorsed:*] A list of what goods are remaining in the Comp^as^ warehouses &c^a^—Entred ℔ H.M.—N°. 10.

London 27^th^ January 1685/6.

Our President & Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

We do not now Send you a particular list of what goods We would have you provide for us, for the ensuing year, but referr you to our last list Sent per Ship George in our letter dated the 18^th^. of ffebruary 1684, with Such further observacons, as was made thereon, Sent you the 16^th^ of March following.

And Shall now onely add to you, that We do require you wholly to omitt Sending us any of those Sorts of goods, w^ch^ We have in that former list ordered you to provide none of. And whereas We therein wrote for

10000 p^{s} of fine longcloth, We would have y^{u} now provide but, 5000 ps &
10000 p^{s} of fine Sallampores—Send none at all till further order, &
10000 p^{s} of fine Percallaes—Send none now, &

31000 p^{s} of all Sorts of Beteelees—Send none of any plaine Sorts till further order; We having upon Our hands unsold 125000 pieces, but We would have you indeavour to procure Some of those Sorts of 20 and 25 yards, to be made in Small Stripes, as Our Doreas are from the Bay, and Some more to be flowred as Our Mullmulls from the Bay, & this Wee chiefly doe, fearing Wee may not have that provision of those sorts w^{ch}: Wee have wrote for from thence, But you must take care that the advance in the price of their Cost may be but little, otherwise they will not turn to acco^{t}.

Send us no more Salpicadoes, Carpets, Setts of Curtains, Succatums, Gulcondah Chints, Shirts nor Shifts, nor any other Sorts that We have forbid in our former list, nor of any Sorts of Goods therein wrote for, wherein you are limitted to Send none, unless upon Such abatement on their Prices, as therein menc̃oned.

Lett all y^{e} Neckclothes from Metchlepatam be twisted well at y^{e} ends, and those from y^{e} Fort to be made finer, and better then of late, let them be of y^{e} full goodness of y^{e} 40. Covid Betellees.

Whereas we wrote in our last list but for 20000 Nillaes, if you can buy them good, and cheap you may increase to 30000 pieces, let half of them be small stripes, and half large stripes.

Send no Branpore Chints.

Whereas we wrote in our last list for 8000 Mulmuls, and but 3000 Tanjeebs, you may encrease our Tanjeebs to 6000 pieces, provided they bee well whited, even & free from Fraies.

Instead of 4000 p^{s} of Adethaes wrote for, Send but 2000 p^{s}, among the Taffaties of yard wide, and ten yeards long, lett there be 2000 p^{s}. of Crimson, and none of y^{e} narrow sorts call'd Gutburrows to be crimson.

Send but 2000 Seersuckers instead of 4000 in y^{e} List.

Wee have with much difficulty procur'd Patterns of sev^{ll} sorts of stuff, silks, & strip'd Bettellees, chiefly made in y^{e} Bay and brought home by y^{e} Interlopers, great quantitys of w^{ch} would sell here, if they be true made, even, without Rowes, and good Collours, most of which must be of Cloth Colours, and few light Collours, as you will find y^{e} Patterns to be, As We are inform'd they were Chiefly procur'd by M^{r} Littleton. Use all your Endeavours to procure us some quantities of each sort.

These direcc̃ons, with a List of all the Remains of our Coast and Bay Goods unsold, You must transmitt to our Ag^{t}. &c^{a} in y^{e} Bay, with y^{e} Patterns, that they may thereby take notice of w^{t} belongs to them in y^{e} Provision of our Goods.

By order of the Court of Committees
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.

[*Endorsed:*] S^{r} Jer. Sambrooks Letter to y^{e} President and Council—N° 11—rec^{d} 7th July 1686—Entred ℔ H.M.

[The next letter in volume VII, pp. 105–108, is a duplicate of the letter printed above. Pages 109–12 of volume VII contain a copy of the notes *re* list of goods, on pp. 45–48 of the volume; *vide* pp. 161–62 *supra*.]

OF THE MINT AND TREASURE AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

We have this year rec^{d} from thence a far more reasonable acco^{t} of y^{e} Comp^{as} Gold, than any other in 3 years before, for all the Species produce from 948½ to 964 Pag^{os} for 100 oz Standard Gold, which for y^{e} said last 3 years, rendred but from 904⅔ to 948⅔ (as in Particular here under neath) The Ingotts also now produceing almost equall with the Pistolls &c^{a}, w^{ch} heretofore fell 3 or 4 ℔ C^{t} short thereof w^{ch} is another plain evidence of the late unsufferable abuse, & yet we expect a better acco^{t} y^{e} next year.

There was one Chest N°. R y^t^ made but 915 Pag^os^ for 100 oz because there was some course, and some sand gold, and rings, that came from Amoy, and could not be essayed, But another Chest N°. E, wherein there went some Ducketts produced 964 Pag^os^ a little above its due ℔porc̃on to standard, because y^e^ Ducatts are finer.

Their Mint book is ballanced to y^e^ 11^th^ August 1684, We find no acco^t^ therein of any R^s^ of $\frac{8}{8}$, or any Barrs of silver, nor have they yet sent any other Books, of y^e^ acco^ts^ : & affairs of y^e^ last ye^r^. But in their letter advise to have put off all y^e^ silver & Europe goods at advantagious Prices.

They are very large and particular in vindication of their Innocency, and endearing their great & constant care and diligence to prevent or remedy y^e^ late fraudulent practices on y^e^ gold Ingotts, which they still alleage, and presume have been rather committed here than there, for y^t^ y^e^ loss has fallen for y^e^ most Part on y^e^ ffaulty Ingotts, much more than on the Coynes, which in reason should be, and in former experience alwayes hath been quite contrary.

They have sent another certificate of that remarkeable abused Ingott N°. 38, but no further acco^t^ of M^r^ Mells discoveryes, and observations, only they lament his death, and desire such another Artist may be sent them, and 100 oz Stand^d^ gold, exact in one Ingott, We have for their better satisfaction and Possibility of Miscarriage, provided 2 such Ingotts [to goe] by severall ships.

Silver turnes better to acco^t^. there, then in any other factory, but their silver Merch^ts^ are very troublesome, & the Produce comes not so soon into Cash by 2 Months as gold from y^e^ Mint.

They acknowledge that silver can't be alloy'd, but only refined with lead, and y^t^ Barrs of fine silver are more proper to be coyn'd into Rup^s^, then R^s^. $\frac{8}{8}$, but cannot convince their Merch^ts^. therein, and therefore as because they are more easily, & sooner disposed, they rather desire p^s^ $\frac{8}{8}$.

They say nothing of y^e^ Phirmaund for coyning Rupees, w^ch^. they formerly put us in hopes to ℔cure.

In Answer to our Demand they say they gett allowance for over as well as abate for short weight R^s^ .$\frac{8}{8}$, w^ch^. is very well, & we are satisfy'd upon their ascertion, y^t^ their R^s^ $\frac{8}{8}$ produced (Anno 1681) better than those dispos'd at Metchlepatam, or than what wee computed here, and needs no further reply to that Article, but they are wanting to advise what difference, or if any at all, in the species of y^e^ R^s^. $\frac{8}{8}$ as they doe at Suratt.

And We desire they would return us every year an Essay of sev^ll^ Ingotts of Gold, of 1. dw^t^ or 2 dw^t^ each, taken off y^e^ Ingott, before they are melted down, especially of any such as they shall suspect, or find short or differing from y^e^ Reports and Reductions of the Invoyce.

And this is all we observe from thence at this time, to w^ch^. we find no occasion of further intimation, than was largly and particularly sent them last year, w^th^. good directions for discovering and preventing of frauds, and mannaging y^e^ Mint hereafter, w^ch^. they may be now desir'd again to peruse and putt in Practice.

Anno 1681-Produced but 937$\frac{1}{2}$, one w^th^. another, y^e^ Ingotts but 930 to 932$\frac{1}{2}$
1682-Produced one w^th^ another 940.
1683-Produced y^e^ Coynes 948$\frac{2}{3}$ & y^e^ Ingotts but 904$\frac{2}{3}$'

Whereas in 3 & many years before, the Comp^as^ Gold produced alwayes at least 958 (and sometimes 963) one with y^e^ other, the Ingotts alwayes most.

One of y^e^ Ingotts q^t^ just 100 oz & standard goes in Chest N° A, and is Marked N° C. The other Ingott of just 100. oz standard N°. H goes in Chest N°. B.

[*Endorsed:*] Fort S^t^. George—From y^e^ Com^tee^., of y^e^ Treãry—N° 18—Entred ℔ H. M.

Honoured sirs

There hath been a Treaty on foot between Comission^rs^ appointed by his Maj^ty^ on behalf of our Comp^a^, and the like number on the part of the Dutch East India Comp^a^: about the busines of Bantam. But after Eight months time spent in

debating that affayr, (which was all done in writing;) the Treaty ended without success. And our Dep^ty Gov^r: being willing you should be throughly acquainted with what passed in this busines, directed me to transmit copies thereof unto you; which when you have read, or caused to be transcribed, you may please to transmit to the Agent & Council in the Bay, for their informacon also. I am with great respect,

Gentlemen
Your most humble servant,
Ro BLACKBORN
Sec^ry

East India House, London.
6th February 1685/6.

[*Endorsed:*] The Secretary to the President & Council dated 6th February 1685/6—rec^d ℔ the Beaufort 8th July 1686—Entred ℔ H. M.

COPIES OF 2 CLAUSES OF Y^E R^T: HON^BLE: COMP^AS: GENNERALL TO SURAT DATED 17^TH & 22 JUNE 1685.

As wee would have you give noe affront to y^e Dutch, Soe we would have you by all just meanes and force to defend your Selves in case they attempt by any hostile meanes to deprive you of the Pepper Trade on the Coast of Mallabar, and that if they should presume first to take any of y^e: Natives Boats loaden with pepper for Our Acco^tts:, that you doe reprize your Selves by taking the like of theirs.

In regard wee have given you directions to reprize yo^r: Selves of any Pepper boates the Dutch may take from you as is directed in the preceeding paragraph for that purpose, Wee now think fitt to Order you, in case the Dutch upon such Bickerings, concerning the Natives Pepper boates aforesaid, Shall proceed to prosecute you with any further Warr; that you not Onely defend your Selves manfully by Armes; but alsoe reprize your Selves upon them, and in Such case of a Warr, wee doe for the Strengthening of your Selves; and weakning of the Enemy; Order and require you to proclaime (in all the usuall languages of India) protection to all Dutchmen and others in y^r: Service; that Shall repaire to Bombay to your assistance, with promise that such people resorting to you as ffreinds, Or assistants, Shall be not Onely defended and protected by you, but Shall injoy freedome of trade to any Portes Or Places in India whatsoever; and all Other Immunites equall w^th: the Comp^as: Owne English Servants, and such as are (under his Maj^ty:) Subjects to his Maj^tys East India Comp^a in India and wee would have you imediatly Send a Copy of this clause to Our Presid^t: and Councell of ffort S^t: George, requiring them to make the like Proclamation and Provisions for their defence.

Vera Copia ℔ JN^O SHAXTON Sec^r:

[*Endorsed:*] Copie of 2 Clauses taken out of a Gennerall lett^r from the R^t: hon^ble: Comp^a: to Surat Dated June 17: & 22: 1685.—No. 2—rec^d 26th July 1686—Entred ℔ H.M.

LIST OF THE COMPANIES PACQUETT BY Y^E NATHANIELL FOR FORT S^T: GEORGE,

1. Companies Generall to Fort S^t George 14th & 20th January 1685/6.
2. Invoice of the Nathaniell.
3. Bill of Loading D^o.
4. Copy of the Nathaniell's Charterparty.
5. Copy of M^r Ramsdens & M^r Dujordain's Debt.
6. List of Goods remaining in y^e Comp^as Warehouses &c^a.
7. S^r Jer: Sambrookes Lre thereupon.
8. Inventory of y^e Cost of y^e Saphire ffrigott.
9. Invoyce of y^e Saphire w^th y^e totall of her Cost.

[*Endorsed:*] List of y^e^ Pacquett to the Fort ℔ the Nathaniell—rec^d^ 28^th^ July 1686—Entred ℔ H.M.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE. LONDON, APRIL 9^TH^ 1685.

Our last to you was of the 28^th^. of March and 1^st^. instant by this Ship, which being put back into the Downs by contrary winds, We thought fitt by this opportunity to send you his Ma^ties^ Royall proclamacõn made in Our favour; which being as ample and large as can be desired We would have you publish and distribute in all Our ffactories and elsewhere as you See cause, that none therein concerned may pretend Ignorance, but as in duty bound yield obedience thereunto, We have Sent Some of them to the Bay, and hope this will for the future effectually discourage all Interlopers from looking towards India, We have not else to add, but remain

our loving friends

Signed by order of the Governor & Deputy
Ro: BLACKBORNE Sec^ry^:

[*Endorsed:*] Comp^as^ Life 9^th^ April 1685—rec^d^ Via Surat 9^th^ August 1686—Entred ℔ H.M.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCELL ATT HUGHLY. LONDON: 17^TH^: JUNE 1685.

Wee have only to advice you of y^e^: arrivall of y^e^: Fleece y^e^: 3^d^: instant for w^ch^ God be praised, wee expect next month some other shipps from you & y^r^: shall answer all y^r^: letters together, by an early shipp w^ch^: wee designe you from hence. Wee understand by y^e^: Mexico Merchant from Surratt, y^t^: y^e^: Dutch Fleet in y^e^: gulph of Persia have made an absolute warr w^th^: y^t^ King, they had seized upon & fortifyed y^e^: Island Kismish; but were beaten out of itt by y^e^: Persians w^th^: great losse, & are now in a very sickly poor condition, being forced to have their whole supply of provisions from Surratt; wee have very great grounds to believe, that if they had succeeded in Persia they would have immediatelye have fortiyed att Bengall, stopt y^e^: salt boates, & thereby endeavour to force y^e^: Mogulls to deprive us of all trade in y^e^: Bay, wee doe therefore take this occasion by way of Surratt to inculcate our former desire to you, y^t^ you would indeavour to procure a Phirmaund from y^e^: Mogull for the Inheritance of some of those Uninhabited Islands in y^e^: Ganges y^t^: may be fittest for our occasions, & y^t^: wee may have leave to build a Fort there for our security against y^e^ Dutch, if they should attempt to doe y^e^: same violence in Bangall w^ch^: they have done in many other parts of y^e^: world, y^e^: Island of Ingarlee wee suppose may be fittest for our occasions, because unto that, there is water enough for our biggest shipps; you may covenant with y^e^: Mogul or Nabob y^t^: wee will never mount more guns in itt y^n^: they shall give us leave viz^t^: 10: : 12: or 20: & wee hope y^t^: they haveing had such long experience of our peaceable temper & disposition, will be soe farr from thinking we should use that force against them, that they will rather conclude (as y^e^: truth is) y^t^: y^e^: force wee shall have there, will alwayes be a guard & a defence to y^e^: Mogulls subjects from any violence y^t^: y^e^: Dutch may intend against them.

Wee are well assured by Cap^t^: Udall, Capt^s^: Wildy & others y^t^: there is water enough for our biggest shipps to goe over y^e^: Braces, y^t^: wee do resolve y^e^: next shipps wee send you of w^t^: burthen soe ever they are, shall goe as high as Ingarlee, & so wee will condition w^th^: y^e^: next ships we send thither by Charter party; in y^e^ meane time itt must be y^r^ care to secure & have in readinesse in Ballasore good Pilotts to carry our ships over y^e^ Bar for a continuall supply whereof you cannot doe better y^n^: to imitate y^e^: Dutch methods in y^t^: place, w^ch^: as near as possibly you can wee would have you to observe, as well for y^e^:

encourrigement of our English Pilots, as for ease of y^e^ : Comp^a^ : charge, wee shall nott need to recite att length here what those Methods are, because you being on y^e^ : place cannot be ignorant of y^m^ : M^r^ : Charnock being now free & att ease from y^e^ : incumbrances he hath so justly (as we apprehend) complained off; wee hope wee shall find y^e^ : fruit of itt, in haveing from him greater quantityes of y^e^ : right sort of raw silke, & none of those kinds wee have so often complained off, as also that wee shall have from him a double proportion of taffatyes w^ch^ : are alwayes y^e^ : most staple comodity that Country affords.

Wee have reced such iterated Complaints of y^e^ : great abuses & wrongs of Constant Phaulcon of Syam, y^t^ : wee are resolved to have justice done us upon his person by y^t^ King & satisfaction for all our damages, or otherwise to reprize ourselves upon him & his subjects, w^n^ wee see our fittest time, w^ch^. wee mention to you that our servants may be cautious how they trust anything of their concernes in that Kings Dominions, and also y^t^ : if those Syamers that went from hence by y^e^ George be nott gone from you, you should seize upon their goods for our use, untill satisfaction be made upon y^e^ : demands wee have ordered our Generall & Councill of Surratt to make upon & from that King. So commending you & our affaires to y^e^ : protection of y^e^ : Almighty wee remaine

Your Loving Freindes
JOSEPH ASHE Govern^r^ :
Jos^A^ : CHILD Deputy.
BERKELEY.
JAM; EDWARDS.
CHRIS^R^ : BOONE.
GEORGE BOUN.
JOHN GOODERE.

22 June.

THOMAS COOK. HEN^Y^ : JOHNSON.
JOHN LETHULIER. JOS : HERNE.
JAMES WARD.

P.S.—Since y^e^ writing y^e^ : above are arrived w^th^ us y^e^ : Henry & W^m^ : & y^e^ : East India Merch^t^ from Surrat confirming y^e^ : surrender of Bombay to S^r^ Thom^s^: Grantham.

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℔ me THOM^S^ : MACKRITH Sec^ry^.

To THE WORS^P^ : JOB CHARNOCK AGENT
&c^A^ : COUNCELL ATT HUGHLY.

From y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon : Company wee received y^e^: inclosed packett for you the Prudent Mary will sayle in 4 or $\frac{5}{da}$ more for Syam by whom wee shall send such instructions to y^e^ : Factors there as are conducible to y^e^ : R^t^ : Honou: Comp^a^ : orders, & most for their interest ; but wee desire you to keep private what is wrott in y^e^ : inclosed pacquett concerning y^t^: Factory as also what wee have mentioned herein to you about itt ; till such time as wee think fitt to divulge itt ; or that it is made publique by y^e^ : actions that may be done upon y^e^: shipps arrivall there ; Wee are

Suratt May 3^d^ : 1686

Your humble Servants
JN^O^ : CHILD
BAR^O^ : HARRIS
JAMES KING

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℔ me THOMAS MACKRITH Sec^ry^.

[*Endorsed :*] Copy Generall from London To y^e^ Bay 17^th^ June 1685—Ditto from Surrat 3^d^. May 1686—rec^d^. from Bengall 3^d^ Oct^r^. 1686—Entred ℔ H. M.

OUR AGENT & COUNCELL AT HUGHLY. LONDON 12TH AUGST: 1685.

Our President & Councell at the Fort will advise you of the late arrivall of our five Ships Vizt: Charles the Second, Nathaniel, & Asia from Surat the Beaufort & Rochester from the Fort for which God be praised.

We have not yet opened your Goods by the Henry & William, but all our Bay Goods in the Fleece & other Ships before her were Shamefully sorted to our irreparable damage.

We have now by the Beaufort & Rochester the Copy of your letter to the fort of...that came thither after the returne of President Gyfford to his station there, by which wee see how intolerably you are abused every day worse & worse by the avaricious Governours of that Country & how sheepish you are in submitting to Such unreasonable & unjust affronts & after serious perusall of all your Consultations (tho we must confess in the generall) We do not know whether you have done well or ill, in forbearing to make an absolute breach because it is impossible for men to judge of futarities yet we cannot but admire at your niceness & scrupulosity to leave that place in debt as if you never intended to returne and be resetled there again. Whereas We apprehend as Mr: Charnock wisely observes that nothing would tend more to your resettlement after a breach then the importunity & interest of your Creditours which is enough to write you upon this subject by an overland conveyance We Shall be more particular by our Shipping.

We would have you by every conveyance to write to our Generall & Councell of Surat letting him know your circumstances how you are used what trouble & charge you are put to, who you imploy as Vakeel at Court & what returns you have from him. So committing you & our affairs to the guidance & protection of the Allmighty We remaine

Your loving friends

CHRISTOPHER BOONE.	JOSEPH ASHE Govern:
BENJA BATHURST.	JOSIA CHILD.
THOMS: RAWLINSON.	WORCESTER.
GEORGE BOUN.	HENRY JOHNSON.
JOHN GOODERE.	WILLIAM JARRETT.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.	JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
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Vera Copia Examinat ℔ me THOMAS MACKRITH Secry:

[*Endorsed:*] Copie Generall from London to ye Bay 12th August 1685—recd from Bengal 3 Octor 1686—Entred ℔ H. M:

LONDON THE 14TH JANUARY 1685/6.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL OF FORT ST GEORGE.

The Governour and Committees haveing had such good success with their Committee of Secresy last year in yor: settlement of Pryaman without any noise made thereof before hand, And it being likewise his Matys pleasure that our Martial affaires should be kept as private as may be for a time, The said Governour and Committees have left it to us to give you such Instructions as we should think fitt with his Maties approbation which you are to observe.

Though these Instructions are to be observed by our President, and all our Councill, yet we have Superscribed them onely to our President, Capt Yale, and Capt Lucas, who are the three first of our Councill, to the Intent, that if you find it requisite for our service to conceale from the rest of our Councill some paragraphs of this Life, for a short time you may use your discretion therein, and

satisfy the rest of our Councill of the reason of your forbearance to publish the whole Lre, by reading to them this paragraph.

Our maine designe in sending this warlike Fleet, and so many Companies of Soldiers, you will see by our inclosed Lrl, to our Agent and Councill of Bengall, which designe we require you to promote by all the means, which lies in your power as a matter y^t^ more eminently concernes the honour of our Sovereigne and his Kingdomes, then any advantage that can accrue thereby to the Company, during our lives, save the hon^r^ of preventing the Dutch from their great designe of expelling the English Nation from the trade of India.

Captain Nicholson by reason of his prudence and great Experience in Bengall, we have appointed Vice Admirall for this expedicon & accordingly we appoint him to be of our Councill dureing his stay at the Fort or in Bengall & to take his place next after y^e^ third of either of our said Councills.

It is of great concernment, that you should immediately dispatch our said Admirall and Captaine Mason his Rere Admirall with all the Ships, Frigotts and Soldiers that appertaine to this Fleet within 6 or 8 dayes at furthest after their arrivall at Fort S^t^ George, and that some of yourselves doe see that each of them carry down as much water in their Ships and vessells as they can conveniently stow.

Send downe with them all the Companies Sloopes and small vessells, and two at least of our old Companies of English foot Soldiers and Drums and Colours to make three or four Companies of ffoot Soldiers more out of our Seamen (if there be occasion) to land out of our Ships, that with your two Companies of old English, three Companies that we send by these Ships, four Companies of Seamen, & one Company intire of Portugueez, and Mesteeses which we would have you likewise send out of our towne of Madrass, our whole force to land may consist of a Compleat Regiment of ten Companies, and of 100 men in each Company besides Officers.

Such of our Soldiers that goe from hence, and shall be sick upon their Arrivall with you, you may take on shoar at the Fort in our Hospitall for recovery of their health and put others in their stead.

Let the Portugueez and Mesteeses you imploy in this expedicon be such, of whose fidelity you have experience or such as you have obliged by former imploym^ts^ or kindness.

For the better Discipline of our Officers and Soldiers, you must governe them by Martiall Law, And we hope with this likewise to send you his present Ma^ties^ Charter for exercising Martiall law in all our Ships in time of war.

And for the Encouragement of the Commanders and Owners of our Shipping we send you herewith an order of Court, made for that purpose, when our Fleet was designed out, for the Recovery of Bantam, which we declare shall stand good and availeable to all Owners of any Ships that shall be imployed in this expedicon.

If you shall find that such a number of men, as wee have appointed to goe to Bengall on our Ships should too much pester them, we would have you imploy two or three of your own Country Ships to help to carry down our soldiers into the Bay, and to make the first appearance of a numerous Fleet to increase the fame and terrour of our Fleet among the Natives, And the Dutch who will be ready to lessen and undervallue our power in their reports as they have alwayes done.

Yourselves being Owners of most of those Country Ships, we hope will have so much Zeal for this publique Service for the hon^r^ of your King and Country, as that you will contrive, they shall be as little charge to us as is possible because being early dispatched with the Monsoone they may goe to the Bay with our Admirall, and to increase y^e^ Number of our Fleet, and may after their Soldiers are landed at Chyttegam, load from thence for Atcheene, & make a better voyage there, or otherwise then they could hope to doe, if this warr had not been, and peradventure may buy Salt, Rice or other Provisions cheaper by the purchase of such Commodities, that may happen to be taken, then otherwise they could expect them, and may alsoe find much better Markets, by the obstruction this warr will give to the Bengall and Tenassary Junkes goeing to Atcheen.

Your Fort Officers and Soldiers after the Chittegam busyness is over, may returne to you to the Fort, leaving that place strongly fortifyed with about 200 pieces of Ordnance mounted upon the Bastions and well supplyed with rice and Paddy, Powder and Ammunicon of all sorts and a sufficient Garison in it.

At the departure of our Fleet, encourage all o^{r} Officers and Soldiers with such good words as you shall think fitt, letting them know, how much the hon^{r} of their Soveraigne, and their nation is concerned in this undertaking, and what fatall consequences might happen to the whole Navigation of this Kingdome by y^{e} designes which the Dutch have upon us and have perpetrated lately at Bantam, and were now attempting at Persia and Mallabar, and if they had not been prevented, would have done the same thing next in Bengall, as their owne Chiefs have had the Confidence to brag that they would doe.

Order our Commanders to entertaine in Bengall all Europeans which proffer them their service, and that they can have confidence in, And our Agent and Councill in the Bay to doe the like, and as many Mestees Soldiers as they think they shall have occasion of, and can trust, and if our Engineer at the Fort M^{r} Fowler can bee spared let him goe down with our Admirall to the Bay to assist at the fortifying of the place for which end, let him carry downe all sorts of necessaryes, Materialls, Tools and workmen that you and our Admirall shall think convenient.

Ensigne Wavell is a man more expert with his [penn] then in Millitary affaires, having been bred a Merch^{t} and therefore we would have you detaine him at the Fort to be our Register, for which Office of Register, lett him have his Dyet at our Table or the usuall allowance, if he keeps house by himself, We suppose any of your Ensignes, that are meere Soldiers will be ready to change Births with him for this expedition in hopes of the Advantages, that Soldiers sometimes make on such occasions, He is also o^{r} Factor, & his Stacon is to be youngest in Councill at the Fort.

The fast Friendship of the King of Raccan, from whom Chyttegam was taken by the Moores is of vast concernm^{t}: to us not onely towards the Surprisall, but towards the perpetuall preservation of that place against the Moores and Dutch, and therefore, if your Country affords anything proper to enlarge our Present to him or his Chief Ministers, which we have not sent, or is not to be had in the Bay, you may send what you think fitt of that kind by our Vice-Admirall for that purpose.

We have menconed in our Bay Lre of small Ships goeing up to Decca after they have secured Chyttegam, if the warr continue so long, And to take to their assistance as many of the Reccaneers Warr boates as they can, and if they should come before Decca on a sudden by Surprise we have reason to believe y^{e} Nabob and all his Court and Army would fly out of the Towne and leave the place desolate, in such and in all other cases of that nature, it must be your, Our Agent and Councill in the Bay, and our Vice-Admirall's care, that a competent share of whatever shall be taken there, or elsewhere may be preserved to the Companies use towards their excessive charge.

But if when our Vice-Admirall or Captaine Bromwell, or whosoever else shall be appointed Commander in Chieff of that Squadron that goes up to Decca, shall have gott possession of the Town, or have it in his power to possess himself of it, if then the Nabob will pay the Company what our Agent and Councill in the Bay shall think requisite towards the charge of this Fleet and secure the payment of the Companies debts; confirme to them and their Successors for ever, the Citty and Territory of Chyttegam, and all their ancient priviledges in Bengall. In such case, on payment of the mony we would have peace made and proclaimed, without offering any violence to the Town of Decca, or any of the inhabitants, And without staying for any confirmation of y^{e} Nabobs peace from the Mogull, and in such case we would have, for the encouragement of our Officers Seamen and Soldiers $\frac{1}{3}$ part of what shall be received from y^{e} Nabob distributed among our Commanders, Officers, Seamen and Soldiers, according to the discretion of a Councill of warr, giving most liberally to such as have suffered any maime or wound or that were most forward in any dangerous enterprize.

We appoint, that all of our Councill of Bengall and all Captaines and Commanders of Ships be of all ordinary Councills of Warr, but none in degree below a Captaine, but that our Generall and Admirall in Bengall may when he thinks fitt call a select Councill of Warr of the Commanders of our fflagg Ships onely, and the second and third of Councill of Bengall.

Though we have appointed Captaine Nicholson to be onely Vice-Admirall in this expedition, our Agent in Bengall for the time being, being to be our Captaine Generall Admirall and Commander in Cheiff by Sea and land, as well as Governour of Chyttegam, yet at Fort S^{t}. George Road, and in all places where our said Agent of Bengall is not present, Captaine Nicholson is to carry the Union fflagg in his Main top as Admirall.

For the expedition of our fortifications at Chyttegam we doe much depend upon the prudence of said Vice-Admirall, and all our Captaines of Sea and Land forces. That they will by perswasion, their own example, and some little rewards in Rack or otherwise, encourage all our Seamen and Soldiers to work hard upon our Fortifications untill they are finished, for untill a Citty or an Army be intrenched out of danger of the enemy, no man ought to think himself too good to give his helping hand, to make all sure, although after the danger is over, such work is onely propper for Pioneers or such as you call Coolyes.

But our Admirall, Vice-Admirall &c^{a}. must never think the danger over till they have about 200 good Ordnance mounted upon their Bastions as aforesaid, for though a less strength might be security against all the power of the Natives, who can bring no Army by Land against Chyttegam nor otherwise approach, we know not how soone (they having mony enough) may hire the willing Dutch to assault us.

The Company in their Generall Lre have intimated some thing to you, concerning a proper place to bee agreed for, as you did for Pryaman; for the future Security of y^{e} Chyna and Japan trades, and where the China Junks might come to our Factors safely without passing by Batavia or Mallacca, that place we mean is Jahore near the streights of Sincapore, about which when you have a convenient opportunity by any of your own or Country Ships goeing that way, you may treat with the King of Jahore, but it must be done very privately, before the Dutch gett any aire or mistrust of yo^{r} intention, which if they should, they will certainly prevent you, whatever it cost them, as they would have done at Pryaman, but that your agreement was finished, and your force gone thither before they knew any thing of it.

For your Encouragement in this, we can tell you, The King of Jahore many years earnestly invited us, to a settlement and to build a Fort in his Country, but the Comittees then were averse to the charge of Fortifications as we should be now, but that the Dutch have now convinced us, that we must either doe as they doe or leave all India to their disposall.

If you could perswade the King of Jahore to send Embassad^{rs} to the Fort, the sight of your regularity numbers of Inhabitants and force there, would the sooner engage him to make good termes with you, and it may be the same we have with Pryaman, then which we desire not better.

You must not forgett to send to Bengall some of y^{e} bookes of Millitary discipline & Martiall Law, now in use in his Ma^{ties}. Army, and to give them strict orders for keeping all our land Officers and Soldiers constantly to live and lodge in Hutts or Barrocks wth in our Fort according to y^{e} usage of y^{e} moderne Garisons in Europe, and that they may know how y^{e} more decently & conveniently to contrive them, we have ordered all our Comanders and Lieutenants bound for Bengall, before their goeing to sea, to take a view of y^{t} regular ffortificacon of his Ma^{ties} The Blockhouse at Gravesend.

In o^{r} secrett Instructions sent to o^{r} Agent Beard in y^{e} Bay, we have left it to his liberty, according as he finds our affaires in a good posture there, either to remain there as our Chieff, or to come up to the Fort to you to be our 2^{d} wth you, but we had then some thoughts y^{t} o^{r} Agent Gyfford might have been comeing

for England, (thõ our hopes are, & desires to him that he will continue, at least 'till he gives us timely notice of his intentions') & so intended Mr. Beard to be Second to or succeeding President Mr, Yale, therefore if our President Mr Gyfford be there, our intention is not, that Mr Yale shall be displaced, but yt Mr Beard shall take [his] place next to him, & accordingly we have explained our meaning to our said Agent Beard in the Bay.

Upon recollection & conference together about ye great Concernment of this Expedicõn to Bengall, we have thought fitt to deferr sending you those Lawes we designed for Fort St. George; & notwithstanding what we have writt, about our Customes there to be raised to 5 ℔ Cent, we will not absolutely enjoyne you thereunto at present, But if upon reasoning with the Portugueez, and the Chieffs of the severall Casts, you can perswade them to consent freely to such additionall Custome, you may doe therein what you judge most seasonable for our service at this time, with a promise that we will never raise ye Customes there or any part of India more, Our purpose being never to exceed 5 ℔ Cent, at which rate, it is already setled in all other English Garisons in India except Fort St. George.

The Governour & Committees in their Generall letter to their Generall & Councill at Surratt, overland, bearing date the 17th June last (among other things) write as followeth vizt:

"As we would have you give no affront to the Dutch, So we would have you, "by all just means & force to defend yourselves in case they attempt by any hostile "means to deprive you of the Pepper trade on ye Coast of Mallabar, and that if "they shall presume first, to take any of the Native boats loaden with Pepper "for our Accots that you doe reprize your selves by takeing the like of theirs.

"In regard we have given you direction to reprize your selves for any Pepper "Boats, the Dutch may take from you, as is directed in the preceeding Paragraph "for yt purpose, We now think fitt to order you, in case the Dutch upon such "Bickerings concerning the Natives pepper boats aforesaid, shall proceed to "prosecute you with any further Warr, That you not only defend your selves man-"fully by Arms, but also reprize yourselves upon them. And in such case of "a warr, we doe for the strengthening yor selves & weakening of the Enemy, order "& require you to proclaime (in all the usuall Languages of India) protection to "all Dutchmen or others in their Service that shall repair to Bombay to your "Assistance, with promise, that such people resorting to you as ffriends or Assist-"ants, shall be not only defended and protected by you, but shall enjoy freedom "of trade to any Ports or Places in India whatsoever, and all other immunities "equall with the Compas own English Servants, & such as are (under his Mty) "Subjects to his Mty's East India Company in India, And we would have you "immediately send a Copy of this Clause to our President and Councill of Fort "St George, requiring them to make ye like Proclamacõn and provision for theire "defence."

Which Clauses or Paragraphs before they were subscribed by our Court of Committees, were presented to & approved by his Mty. And if any consequence happen thereupon between our People and the Dutch upon that Coast, You must pursue such Order as our Generall shall give touching the Proclamation therein mentioned We remain

Your loving Friends
Joseph Ashe Govr.
Jos[A] Child Deptv.
Ben: Bathurst.
Joseph Herne.

[*Endorsed:*] 14th January 1685/6—Letter from ye Comittee for Secresy to ye Fort ℔ Nathaniell—Recd ye: 28 July 1686.

At a Court of Committees holden the 20th of January 1685.

Whereas by a Clause in his Maties Commissions under the great Seal of England granted to the Captaines of all Ships imployed by his Maties East India

Company against the Mogull, and his Subjects in India, there is to be reserved for his Ma^ties^ use, one tenth part of the proceed of all prize Ships and goods taken from the Enemy, This Court notwithstanding for the encouragement of all Officers & Seamen & Soldiers, that shall be imployed in this present expedicon doe declare, that one sixth part of all prize Ships and Goods taken as aforesaid, shall be reserved for the reward of such Officers Seamen & Soldiers as shall behave themselves valiantly towards the Enemy, and dutyfully towards their Superior Officers, And for such especially as shall be wounded or maimed in fight and y^e^ Widdowes and Orphans of such as shall be slaine, of w^ch^ said sixth part of the proceed of all prize Ships and Goods, there shall be kept an acco^t^. apart in the Companies bookes, by the Agent and Council of Bengall, and shall by such person as the Agent and Councill shall appoint, for that purpose, be distributed, & paid out to the severall persons concerned in India by the Order & direccon of any Councill of Warr, that shall be summoned for y^t^ purpose, of which Councill of Warr all the members of the Councill of Bengall, & all Captaines of Ships or land Soldiers, or so many of them as shall be within reasonable distance, shall be alwayes members and summoned thereunto, when the Companies other busyness will permitt their attendance.

And likewise for y^e^ further encouragement of the Owners and Commander of Ships imployed in the present service, this Court doe declare, that they will secure to them their reimbursement for any Ship, that shall be lost in fight w^th^ the Mogulls Subjects, or the Dutch in India, in case the Dutch there shall make themselves partakers in this warr against the English, or shall themselves make any Warr upon this Company, Alsoe any damage that any Ship not lost shall sustaine in fight either in their Hulls Masts or Riggen.

Ro Blackborne Sec^l^

[*Endorsed:*] Order for encouragem^t^ of Officers Seamen & Soldiers—No. 5—Rec^d^: y^e^ 7 July 1686 ℔ Beaufort.—Entred ℔ H.M.

Instructions for our Agent and Council of Bengale.

The Governor & Committees haveing for Secresy Sake left it to us to give you Such Orders & Instructions as wee should thinke needfull for reduceing our affairs in Bengall to a better temper & condition then they have been in of late years, by Such waies & means as wee should thinke best, wee must tell you, that wee have often & ever Seriously considered the misery & thraldom in which you have lived ever Since the beginning of the Interloping times, & the ingratitude of the Nabob & those heathenish Governors that tooke the advantage of that unnaturall Division betwixt the English themselves, to oppresse us all, & deprive the Comp^a^ of those ancient privileges which for long time they have injoyed, and wee purchased with infinite Cost, & repeated great Presents, Besides the vast charge of erecting theire ffactories & buildings in that Countrey, Wee have likewise considered all that pass'd in your Consultations for remedy of those Grieveances while Presid^t^ Gyfford was in the Bay, and allso your Generall & Particular Letters, & the Generall and Particular Letters from our President & Councill of Fort S^t^ George, & have examined Seriously the opinion of the most prudent & experienced of our Commanders, all which doe concenter in this one opinion, (& to us Seeming pregnant truth) Viz^t^. That Since those Governors have by that unfortunate accident & audacity of the Interlopers got the knack of trampling upon us, & extorting what they please of our Estates from us, by the beseidging of our ffactories, & stopping of our Boats upon the Ganges, they will never forbear doing So, till wee have made them as Sensible of our Power, as wee have of our Truth & Justice, and wee after many deliberations, are firmly of the same opinion, and resolved (with God's blessing) to persue it.

To which purpose [we have ordered] this Bearer Cap^t^. Bromwell in the ship Rochester mounted with 65 guns, and furnished with a competent Number of able Officers, Seamen & Souldiers, to make the best of his way for Ballasore Road,

in company with the Rochester ffrigatt, of 12 guns, where wee hope hee will meet you & the most part of our Servants on board our small Vessells & Sloops ready to receive him, according to intimation wee have formerly given you to prepare your Selves.

As soon as our Agent & the most considerable of our Councill are come on board the Rochester, wee have ordered Captain Bromwell Rere Admirall for this Expedition, forthwith to make Stay of all Ships, Salt Vessells, and other Vessells belonging to the Mogull or any of his Subjects, and to compell them to anchor in Some convenient place, where hee may keep a guard upon them, that they doe not escape, untill you see whether our differences with the Mogull will Settle in a firme peace, or come to an open Warr and that will depend upon the Answer you will receive to the Letters wee have writt to the Nabob, and Such other Letters as you shall find cause to write to him, which you may send by any Native or other Messengers as you shall thinke fittest, but without Presents which you may tell him plainly wee thinke you have been too liberall of allready, except hee had made you better Returnes.

Our own Letter to the Nabob gives you the state of the Quarrel, & the causes of the Warr, (if it prove One,) and therefore wee shall not here enlarge upon that, but proceed to direct you, how to prosecute the Warr, leaving the issue to God Allmighty.

The force wee have designed you, besides the Rochester, and the Rochester ffrigat, & our small vessells in the Ganges, will consist of viz^{t}:

Ships.	Guns.	Seamen.
Beaufort John Nicholson Admirall	70	200
Nathaniell John Mason Vice Admirall ...	50	150
Royall James John Wetwang Capt	50	170
Tonqueen Rob^{t}. Knox Capt	24	50
Loyall Captain, Eldred Capt	16	30
Priaman David Hobson Comand^{r}	16	30
Beaufort ffrigott	12	20
Nathaniel ffrigott	12	20

Besides Six compleat Companies of land Souldiers with their Lieutenants, & all Inferior Officers, & all the Comp^{as} Sloops & Small Vessells at Fort S^{t}. George & Priaman which wee have ordered to bee immediately Sent to your aid from both those places, well mann'd & Arm'd, knowing they may be of great use to you in the River of Ganges.

Wee have appointed no Captains of our Six Companyes of Souldiers because wee resolve to keep to our ancient well grounded Custom of keeping allwaies our Souldiers under the Command of our Cheif and Councill and therefore wee doe appoint that our Agent for the time being bee allwaies Lieuten^{t} Gen^{ll} & Comander in Chief of all our forces by Sea and land, in or near the Provinces of Bengall & Orixa, and in all Seas harbours Creeks & places near unto those Provinces, or either of them, & that hee bee Collonel, & Capt^{a} of the first Comp^{a} of English Souldiers in Bengall, that the Second of our Councill bee allwaies Lieuten^{t} Collonell, & Captain of our Second Company of ffoot Souldiers, That the Third of our Councill bee Major of the Regiment, & Captain of the third Company and that all the rest of our Councill, according to their Stations in Councill, be respectively Captains of the Succeeding Companies of ffoot Souldiers.

If you thinke any greater fforce of Land Souldiers be necessary to carry on this Warr, and to Secure any place you shall Seiz or ffortify, wee give you leave to hire what number more Shall thinke necessary, of any nations you shall thinke most convenient, allwayes observing not to have too many of any one nation.

When you have waited for the Nabob's answer, or treated with Commiss^{rs} from him, & cannot, or are not agreed untill Captain Nicholson our Admirall for this Expedition doe arrive with fforces from ffort S^{t}. George, Wee would then have you loose noe longer time after his arrivall, for fear of loosing the Monsoon, which would be allmost as fatall to us, as a defeat, but immediately Send our

Admirall with so many of our Land Captains as you can Spare, with all our Land Souldiers, & Such Recruits as you shall hire in the Countrey all our Ships Save one, & all our Small ffrigatts & Sloopes, that you can Spare, directly to the ffort of Chittegam, where after Summons, if the ffort Town & Territory thereunto belonging bee not forthwith delivered to our Lieut^{t} Coll. Job Charnock or in case of his death or inability, to the person that may command in chief in this Expedition, wee would have our forces to land, Seize, & take the s^{d} Town ffort & Territory by force of Armes, & the same to seize, take and keep for our use, & to kill Slay & destroy as Enemies to his Maj^{ty} all such persons whatsoever as shall oppose your Entrance and Possession of the S^{d} Fort Town & Territoryes thereto belonging.

But if the Said ffort Town & Territory Shall bee peaceably delivered to our s^{d} Lieut^{t}. Collonell or other Comander in Chief, for our use upon his Summons as aforesaid, wee would have you in Such case, give the Inhabitants fair Quarter, & not to kill any of them, or take anything from them, but to Suffer them to remain in their own houses with their Estates entire, saving to our Soveraign Ld̃ the King, their faith & true allegiance from thenceforth due, and themselves to live in Subjection to his Maj^{s}. East India Comp^{a} under Such Lawes as the s^{d} Comp^{a} by virtue of his Maj^{s} Royall Charters Shall make & ordain, for the Government of that place, & the Inhabitants thereof, but whatsoever did formerly belong to the Mogull or his Governors, is for the future, after surrender and Capture of the place, to belong and to be improved for the use of the said Comp^{a} & their Successors for ever.

You are to allow to all the Natives the liberty of their Severall Religions, as those Subject to the Comp^{a} have at ffort S^{t} George.

Above all things wee would have you very carefull, that no Violence or Injury bee offered to Women Children or any innocent people, that doe not hostilely oppose you, & particularly, That you doe not Suffer any prejudice to be done to Churches Mosques Pagodas or other publick places, where God is worshipped or pretended to be worshiped.

The Warr being thus begun, wee would have you take all the Advantages you can to annoy & take purchase from the Enemy by land as well as by water, after you have well Secured that important Port & place of Retreate of Chittegam, which wee understand is Strong by Nature, and So Scituate, that the Mogull cannot March an Army by land to it, And wee would have you add Art to Nature, by makeing it as much Stronger as the Witt or Invention of man can extend to, for which purpose wee have Sent you Ordnance & Ammunition Sufficient, and wee know the place abounds with Canes Provision & Timber, and wee would have you immediately after you are in possession to Summon in all the Inhabitants & Countrey people near thereunto, to worke upon the Repairs of your ffortification, and erecting Such new fforts or buildings as you shall find convenient for our Service, paying the Inhabitants for their work in Rice or money one third part more than was usually allowed them by their own Princes or Governors upon Such like occasions.

You will easily understand that this ffleet & fforce of Souldiers at such a great distance from England must needs bee excessive chargeable to the Company, and therefore you must study all the possible means you can, to raise Such a Revenue at Chittegam, as may in Some measure repair their Charge, and particularly it must bee your especiall care to make the most you can of all Prize ships, & Goods that shall bee taken from the Enemy in this Warr, the Proceeds of all which you and all under you are ffaithfully to bring to the Comp^{as}. acco^{tt}. But out of the Profitts of Such Prizes, wee hereby give you liberty to reward at your discretion (with the Advice of our Admirall Cap^{t} Nicholson) any Officers Souldiers or Seamen that Shall doe us any Signall or extraordinary Service, or shall receive any maim or wound in our Service, which latter kind of Rewards, & the former likewise, if you can wee would have you So contrive, that if Such rewarded persons be marryed men, their wives & children in England may receive Some benefitt thereby, and for Such Serving us, as shall happen to be Slain in this warr, wee Will make a

competent Recompence to their Widows or Orphans here, all which upon a proper occasion you may if you see cause, make publication of in the Comp^as^ name.

Wee doe appoint our afores^d^ Second of our Councill Job Charnock Esq^r^. to be Governor of our ffort Town & Territory of Chittegam in the absence of our Agent & Collonell John Beard Esq^r^ afores^d^ But when the s^d^ Coll Beard shall be present at Chittegam, hee is to bee our Govern^r^ and Comand^r^ in Cheif if hee likes to continue there. But in case the s^d^ Coll Beard with the change of the Monsoon had rather goe to ffort S^t^ George to bee our Second of Councill there, wee hereby give him leave So to doe, & in Such case wee doe appoint our s^d^ Second Lieut^t^. Coll. Job Charnock afores^d^ to bee our Agent in the Bay Coll. & Capt^n^ of our first Comp^a^. of English Souldiers & Comander in cheif of all our forces by Sea & Land in or near the Provinces before mentioned, requiring all our Merchants Factors Officers of what kindsover Servants Seamen & Souldiers in Such case to yield him obedience accordingly, and wee desire that the s^d^ Lieut^t^ Coll Charnock may proceed upon the Beaufort on the Chittegam Expedition with Capt. Nicholson while Agent Beard Stays in Ballasore Road, with Such assistance as hee shall make choice of to proceed in any treaty, as shall bee on foot for accommodation of all differences with the Nabob, as allso to take care of getting off from the shore any Remaines hee can of our old Effects or Debts, & principally for disposeing of our Prize Ships, & Goods by Sending Such of them onely as are proper for ffort S^t^. George to that place with Salt, and what else is proper for Sumatra, to Priaman, & whatever is proper for Europe as Cowries Drugs &c^a^. to be put on board our Europe ships, at Chittegam, Rice likewise & all Sorts of Provisions, more then Sufficient to store the ffort at Chittegam for 12 moneths, wee would have putt on board the Royall James for Acheen, the rest of the Salt boats old Juncks & other Vessells, that you know not what to doe with wee would have you sell at moderate Rates. But what you cannot Sell, or will not bee of use to us, at any of the aforesaid places, or to you at Chittegam, you must destroy or give away to the King of Raccan his officers or Subjects for Services they will probably doe you in this or other Expeditions, if the Warr continue, and that is the best way wee can thinke of, for the disposeall of any Elephants you may intercept comeing from Tenassary to Bengall.

Now wee have named the King of Raccan, wee must note to you, that hee is the old Enemy of the Mogull, & the best & most powerfull Ally you can have in that part of the world, & therefore wee would have you, Soon after reading these Instructions upon mature Consultation, & with as much privacy as you can, to send an Embassy to him, with a Present desireing his aid, & that hee would come into a strict alliance with us, against the Mogull and all other Indians or Europeans that shall take part with the Mogul against us, for which you may promise him all Elephants taken in Warr, & all Junks & other Vessells with Convoies to his Warr boats, & halfe the plunder of Dacca, if the War continue, & it bee your good fortune to take it, after you have well intrenched & Secured yourselves in Chittegam, which you must first doe So Securely, that you need no lesse feare the Dutch, then the Moors, if the Dutch be so treacherous as to make themselves partakers in this quarrell, which wee doe not now in theirs at Persia, nor ever did in any other of theirs of the like kind, neither doe wee thinke they will hostilely doe in this, untill they have order ffor it from Europe, or at least from Batavia, But however it's Safe to provide for the worst, & wee shall not grudge any Reasonable charge too much for your Safety.

There are likewise two or three ancient Gentue Princes that live in Bengall under great Slavery to the Nabob, which you may doe well to draw into your alliance, by Such good means as you shall thinke fitt, & for Presents for all Our occasions, wee shall send you what is Sufficient by this Ship.

After you are well Secured at Chittegam, if you doe not immediately ingage in Some designe against Dacca, you must bee thinkeing how to dispose of our severall Ships in this ffleet. that they may not lye too long burthening us with

the charge of Demorage, which will eat very deep into our Stocke (if what you take in recompence prove not considerable) but you cannot expect any direct & particular Orders from us at this distance, not knowing under what circumstances you may bee 12 or 14 moneths hence. But to give you as much light as wee can, as to what wee would have, wee desire the Royall James may bee laden with Rice & Provisions for Acheen, & that you send 2 or 3 factors & 2 writers, Such as you thinke fittest to remain there in the Comp^{as} house as a standing ffactory, & wee would have the Royall James instantly dispatched from Acheen with her Returnes to our Govern^{r} & Councill of Priaman there to take in her lading of Pepper, which wee have ordered to be provided for that purpose.

The Tonqueen & the Priaman you may likewise Send to Acheen with Provisions & order them to return again to you for another loading of Provisions for the same place, or else to goe to ffort S^{t} George, to be disposed of there, as our President & Councill Shall thinke fitt for their future employment.

Capt^{n} Eldred's Ship is to bee discharged by us in the Countrey as you may perceive by the Copy of his Charterparty Sent you herewith.

Capt Mason in the Nathaniel you may Send to Bombay with Copper Tootenague & Cowries, filling up his Ship with Rice for the use of that Island, which the Mogull will have an aching tooth at, after the Warr breaks out in Bengall, but Wee have & shall prevent him as well as wee can.

The Beaufort & Rochester with Such of our Small ffrigatts as you shall thinke necessary you may retain at Chittegam while you thinke them needfull for your Security. But while you ride there you may bee loading them with Petre and what other goods you have or can procure proper for ffort S^{t} George or for Europe, filling each of them up before they Sail with Rice for the use of our Garrison at the ffort, our small ffrigatts likewise & Sloops which you shall detain in the Bay, need not at all bee idle, but kept Cruiseing for Purchase & voyaging as the Monsoons Shall Serve for their Speedy Returne to you, to & from Acheen, Priaman, Fort S^{t} George or Bombay, where & in Such manner as you shall judge they may bee most Serviceable to us, either as to Purchase Sale of their little Cargoes, or Intelligence, our new little ffrigatts being So contrived for Sailing, that wee hope upon necessity they may performe any Voyage between Port & Port, in India against the Monsoons.

Besides the Strength of the ffortification at Chittegam, & of our ships in the Road, wee thinke it may bee necessary for you allwaies to have rideing in Some convenient Station near you, 2 or 3 Prize Junks, turned into fireships to burne any Enemies Ships that may come into the Road to annoy you, Wee thinke likewise if you take any great Junks of 800 or 1000 Tuns, you may doe well to make a Hulk of one of them, to keep rideing constantly in the Road of Chittegam, to clean & careen our ships by, which will be of the greater use & necessity, Since you will probably have allwaies Ships in that Road, But wee onely mention these things, that you should not forgett to Consult our Commanders concerning them, and doe therein what they Shall advise for the best.

After you have taken Chittegam, if you thinke you have no further need of the Pryaman Company of foot Souldiers, you may returne them thither, If you keep them at Chittegam, they must by the Rule of Armes bee the Govern^{rs} Comp^{a} being first raised.

You are to encourage all you can the Natives to plant Indigo & Cotton & to make Salt Petre, if there bee any proper grounds for it near Chittegam, which wee cannot doubt, as also the planting of Mulberry Trees, for Silke wormes, Wee haveing the greater hopes, that Some of these particulars may take effect, to our advantage in a little time, because it is within the Memory of Some of us, that [Cas]simbuzar itself, w^{ch} is now the most famous Markett for [fine Ma]nufactures, was an inconsiderable place of Trade, It was [our] Money & trade that first raised it to that Reputation it now hath, Lett no endeavors bee wanting to invite any usefull Natives in all Professions from Pattana Dacca Maulda Cassimbuzar, Rajamaul Hughly Ballasore and all places where you have any acquaintance to resort to you at Chittegam, & Settle with you.

If Mr Beard resolve to stay in Ballasore Road and from thence to proceed for ffort St George wee leave it to his own choice which of our Councill Factors & Writers to detain with him, & carry up with him to ffort St George to bee imployed there, whereof wee would have Mr Higginson to bee one, whom wee doe hereby appoint upon his Arrivall at the ffort to bee last of our Councill there next after Mr Wavell that wee are now sending thither from hence.

And wee doe leave it to our Sd Agent & Councill before Mr Beard's departure for the ffort, to make up the Number of Mr Charnock's Councill to Seaven, our intended Agent Mr Charnock included.

But notwithstanding all wee have Said if Mr Beard our present Agent shall desire rather to continue our Agent at Chittegam, with the other authority & Commands before mentioned, which are to bee held & exercised by whoever is or Shall bee our Agent there, wee doe conferr upon him, and appoint him, to proceed with Capt Nicholson for Chittegam as afores^{d} & that Mr Charnock doe goe along with him, as his Second & Lieut Collon^{l} whose assistance in that place wee would by no meanes want, in regard of his fidelity & long experience in the Languages & Customes of that Countrey. The like wee say of Mr Pownsett whom for the reasons afores^{d} wee would have upon his leaveing Dacca to bee made one of our Councill at Chittegam in Such Station & in Such Command as may bee to his Content, hee being a most usefull man to us.

Wee have named Rajamaul amongst other places aforesaid, from whence you Should invite people to settle with you att Chittegam principally for the Sake of the Sheroffes, Because wee doe intend after a little time to sett up a Mint there of all Sorts of Coins that commonly passe in Bengall, & for Small change wee Suppose Cowries may bee of that use at Chittegam as they are in other parts of Bengall, for which purpose you may reserve some for our use & Sale at Chittegam, and Some part of the Prize Copper & Tootenage, of the rest that you Shall not need your Selves at Chittegam, Send two-thirds to Fort St George, & ⅓ thereof to Bombay.

If any of the King of Syam or his Subjects Goods shall come into your hands, or you can take comeing from Tenassery, you may give his Comanders a Receipt for, on acco^{t} of damage done the English East India Comp^{a}. by his wicked Minister Constant Phaulkon, & write Phaulkon what you have recĉd & what it produceth on Sale, But sell the Goods & bring the proceed into our Cash, adviseing our Generall & Councill of Bombay what it amo^{ts}: to, because wee have ordered our sd Generall & Councill to make up Acco^{ts} with the Said King whose charge in our Books amo^{ts} to *[lacuna]* a Coppy whereof you have here inclosed.

You are to exercise Martial Law as well in our Ships as in our Garrison, according to his Maj^{s} last Charter of which wee Send you an authentic Coppy & allso 12 Books containing the Military discipline & Martial Laws now in use here, unto which wee would have you conforme, and to make your Selves knowing & experienced in, now you are to have the Comand of Souldiers.

Our Customs wee have now established at ffort St George, Pryaman & Bombay at 5 ℔Cent. to be punctually collected, of & for all Goods Shipped or landed by our own Servants & other English & Natives & all people whatsoever, w^{ch} you are accordingly to leavy at Chittegam, either upon valuation in Money or in kind, as you shall judge most for our advantage, All other Duties you are likewise to collect there after the Same manner, & in the Same proportion, as wee have directed to bee done at Priaman, for your clearer Insight whereinto, we send you with this Coppy of our last Letters [to] Priaman.

And in regard this is the first time any of you [have had] the command of an English Garrison & Colony in India, Wee have desired Capt. Nicholson to take in writeing at the ffort (where hee is to bee of our Councill while hee stays there) whatever hee thinks needfull for your knowledge in Relation to the Rules Laws & Orders of that place, relating to our Revenue, & the Government of our Souldiers or Inhabitants there, & to informe you not onely thereof, but of the more politic & better Studyed Methods of the Crafty Dutch at Batavia, who are never to be outdone, but by a people as wise as themselves, in makeing all conquered or fortifyed places pay their own charge &c^{a}. And wee doe appoint

him the sd Capt. Nicholson our Admirall in this Expedition, to be third of our Councill at Chittegam, and the Bay dureing his Stay in Bengall, & to take that place & charge immediately upon his first arriveall in Ballasore Road. But hee is not to have any Company of Land Souldiers, as one of our Captains of Chyttegam (being but a temporary Councellor) which are all to bee of our standing resident Councellors.

But you must allwaies understand that thô wee prepare for & resolve to enter into a Warr with the Mogull (being necessitated thereunto) our ultimate end is peace, for as wee have never done it, So our natures are most averse to Bloodshed, & Rapine, which usually attend the most just Warrs. But wee have no remedy left, but either to desert our Trade, or wee must draw that Sword his Majt hath entrusted us with, to vindicate the Rights & Honor of the English Nation in India.

Now in order to peace wee must briefly tell you, that thô in our Letter to the Nabob wee doe demand Satisfaction for this great ffleet, and fforce, which wee compute at 200000 £ Demorage of our Ships these three last years & other Damages, Sustained by his beseidging our Factories & obstructing our Trade which wee likewise compute at 200000 £ And for new Impositions and Piscashes extorted from us contrary to our ancient Phirmands these three last years, which wee compute at 50000 £. For all our ffactories Buildings, Goods & Debts, which his Tyranny has forced to desert & leave in his Countrey 170000 £, yet wee are not onely So desireous but fond of peace. That if hee will agree to leave us the Inheritance of Chittegam & the Small Territories thereunto belonging, upon Such Termes as the Princes of Priaman have voluntarily without any occasion, given us that Citty of which wee send you a Coppy inclosed, Wee shall upon those Terms relinquish all our forementioned demands, & resettle in his Countrey in our old ffactories, & upon our old Privileges, hee agreeing that our Rupees & other Coines Coined at Chittegam of equall alloy & weight with his owne rupees, shall passe Curr[t] in all parts of Bengall, and that all debts due to the Comp[a] from any person or from any persons, being the Mogull's subjects, shall bee duely & justly paid on both Sides. But no Interest on either side dureing the time of Hostility, Whatever advantages you may gett by the Warrs, wee would never have you insist upon excludeing any Nation from any part of that Trade, which you may Signify to the Nabob, the Dutch & all other persons.

But in regard without Such a ffort as wee design at Chittegam, on that side of the Moguls Countrey, yourselves and our Estates would never bee secure, after this[c] Breach from the Dutch, or the Moors Separate or conjunct, wee are resolved never to part with it, on any Termes, So wee would not have you by reason of or in hopes of the Successe of any Treaty to deferr one Moment the sending of our fforce thither to surprize it, as Soon as you have Capt. Nicholson with you from ffort St George, nor to agree to relinquish any of the land reputed to belong to Chittegam, or within 10 miles or Some certain bounds distant from our intended ffort, for thô land bee little or nothing worth in Bengall under that Tyrannicall Government, it will in a few years become of great value under the mild Government of the English & therefore upon your agreement with the Nabob, gett as large a Circuit of land included in his Phirmand as you can.

For Damages or Losses Sustained on either side during the Hostility, wee can give no certain practicall Rule or Medium of restitution, and therefore wee thinke on makeing peace both nations must bee content to Sitt down with their own Losses, dureing the Hostility, as the Danes & the Mogull's Subjects did after their last war in Bengall.

And allthough wee know no peace the Nabob shall make with you, can bee good & firme, untill it bee confirmed by the Mogull, yet not doubting of the Mogull's confirmation, when you are once Strongly posted in Chittegam, you may forbear all further Hostility, in those parts as soon as you are agreed with the Nabob, which agreement wee hereby empower yourselves to make, & Shall order our Generall & Councill of Surat to confirme what you shall agree unto for that side

of the Mogull's Countrey. Neverthelesse wee would have you constantly to advise our sd Generall &c[a] & our President & Councill of ffort S[t] George of all your Proceedings.

Wee leave it to your Discretion whether or not to make use of both or either of those Letters wee have writt to the Nabob, or the King of Raccan, or any others that you shall thinke more proper in our or your own names. But wee would have you to commence your Treaty with the King of Raccan and those Gentue Princes in the Bay as soon as possibly you can, after you are safely gott on board the Rochester.

You must take notice, that wee have ffreighted all Ships that Serve us this year in India, to stay two years in the Countrey, if you have occasion to keep them so long, which wee have done as [well] to give you the oportunity of Sending first home all our Ships, that went out last year, as to defend our new Settlement & our Interest in all parts of India dureing the time of Hostility, neverthelesse wee would have you allwaies bear in your minds the vast charge of their Demorage, and provide So, that while they stay in the Countrey, they may bee earning what is possible towards it.

Our new ffrigatts are so contrived for the sea, that they may as well goe about the Cape, as the best ships wee have, So that upon any occasion of Consequence to be knowne unto us, you may instantly load one of them with any kind of Goods & dispatch her home to us, for Intelligence, but if the occasion bee not Extraordinary, it will not bee well to doe it, Because Such little Ships make but Inconsiderable freight for Europe.

Chyttegam being upon the Raccan Shoar we doubt the Nabob has but [little] Territory there, to give you any right unto, But you may condition for a Small matter with the King of Raccan, to have as many miles round it as you desire, & as many as you will of those little uninhabited Islands near it, which doe abound on the Raccan Shoar.

You are to take notice, that if at any time, there should bee any of his Maj[s] own Ships of Warr in India, the Comander of Such Ship must Command in Cheif at Sea, & wear the fflag, notwithstanding any thing mentioned in this Letter. Wee remaine

Your very loveing friends
JOSEPH ASHE Gov[r].
JOS[A] CHILD Dep[ty].
BEN BATHURST.
JOSEPH HERNE.

East India house 14 January 1685/6

JAMES R

Wee have seen & doe hereby approve of those Instructions from our East India Company to their Agent & Councill of Bengall for makeing Warr upon the Mogull or King of Indostan, & such as shall assist him within the Limitts of the Said Comp[as] Charter. Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 16[th] day of January 1685/6 in the first year of our Reign. Locus sigilli.

By his Maj[tis] Comand

SUNDERLAND P.

Vera Copia concordat cum suo
Originali quod attestor regatus
Ro BLACKBORNE
Notar publ

[*Endorsed*]: Coppy Ex[d].—14[th] January 1685/6.—Instructions from the Committee for Secrecy to the Agent & Council in the Bay ℔ Beaufort—Entred ℔ H. M. No. 2.—Rec[d] y[e] 7 July 1686 ℔ Beaufort.

LIST OF THE SECRETT COMITTEES PACQUETT TO Y[E] FORT ℔ SHIP BEAUFORT.

N° 1. Their Letter to the President and Council at the Fort, the 14[th] January 1685/6.

2. Duplicate of their Letter to ditto dated 20th January 1685/6.
3. His Majtie Charter for executing Martiall Lawes.
4. Order of Court for Encouragement of Commanders Officers Seamen &ca:
5. Compas Commission to ye Judge of the Admlty at ye Fort.

The Secrett Committees Instruccons to ye Agent and Council in the Bay, are in their Pacquett herewth sent open for yor. Perusall.

[*Endorsed*]:—List of the Secrett Committees Paquet to the Fort Pr. Beaufort.—entred ℔ H.M.—No. 7—Recd. ye 7 July 1686 ℔ Beaufort.

OUR CHIEF AND COUNCIL AT PRIAMAN. LONDON 21TH. OCTOBER 1685.

1. We shall be ye briefer to you by this ship the Herbert, because another [ship] will follow speedily, by whom we shall write you the more largely, and send you a stock sufficient for her loading consisting of money, woollen clothes, nailes, lead, Powder, shott, firearms, and other particulars.

2. For what wee send you by this Ship, we referr you to ye enclosed Invoyce & Bill of Lading, & at the foot of this letter you shall have an accot. of ye Number of Officers & Souldiers wch we have sent you.

3. We have likewise thought fitt to enclose to you an authentick Copy of his Majts. last Charter to us, by vertue whereof we doe appoint you to govern that place by such a Court of Judicature as is therein directed, and to govern our Officers & souldiers by the law Martiall, to give you some light wherein, we have enclosed with this Pacquett a little treatise of those Martiall laws, that we have appointed to be used in all our Garrisons in India being the same that are in use in his Majts. other Garrisons beyond the seas, and that you may have some light into the Civill law or law Merchant, we send you a treatise lately writt upon those Subjects, the best that we know [is] extant, and in regard we are satisfy'd that you Mr Ord are learned, besides what late experience may have informed you, we do appoint you to be our Chief Judge in all Causes occurring in that place, and that your Assistants be (untill our further order) your 2d & 3d of our Council there.

4. We know the Dutch will if possible interrupt your Settlemet there, which hath caus'd us to perswade Capt Udall to touch first at your place to strengthen your Garrison, as well with ye Souldiers as the great guns and carriages he brings you to be mounted upon your works, which we hope you have made strong as well as much larger & more spacious than fort St George, yt you may have room enough to lodge 500 Souldiers in Barrocks within ye fort, besides all other conveniencies.

5. A Copy of Capt. Udalls [Chr̃e ℔ty] we send you yt you may [take] notice thereof, & observe yt he keep to the contents of it.

6. That you may know wt we mean by Barrocks, we have ordered Capt Udall Capt Wetwang, Lieut. Chetwind & Ensign [*lacuna*] to take a view of those in ye Blockhouses at Gravesend & return us an information in writing, how they are built contriv'd and scituated, to ye end they may be able ye better to direct you in [the] contrivance of them at Priaman, wch we would have instantly gone in hand wth. yt you may begin your Garrison, with a better order & method, than any we have yet had in India, wch is ye most certain way to continue well. A Copy of ye return of Capt Udall Capt Wetwang &ca we send you likewise herewith.

7. By ye Royall James we shall send you 40 great guns & 120 souldiers more if we can procure so many, by wch you see how carefull we are for your security, & ye honour of our King & Country hoping you will have such an ingenuous sence of our great expence, as to create at first such a Revenue, as may recompence our charges in a short time, as ye Dutch do most wisely in all places where they fortify, & their methods you cannot long be ignorant of in a place, where you will have converse wth so many people yt know ye Laws & Customs of Batavia wch wee recommend to your imitation in every respect as to ye matter & manner thô not in

y^e^ same measure, for whereas they take 10 ℔ Cent Custom on some goods & 10 ℔ Cent at least on all we do hereby establish our Customs of Priaman upon our own goods, our Servants & all other Europeans & Natives of India whatsoever at 5 ℔ Cent, it being our Resolution y^t^ all persons whatsoever shall pay us a like & equall custom at Pryaman, & for Punchhouses fishing boats, Prows, Wyans, other boats, shopkeepers Excises Ground rents and other duty's of all sorts, we would not have you exceed y^e^ one half of what is constantly paid at Batavia, & if you find it of necessity, to go a little less, or lower than our limitation till you are stronger & better settled, we leave that to your discretion. But [we would not] have you lett any of our ground w^th^in or without our [Intended Towne of Priaman] in lease for above 21 [years, because noe man can foresee] to what value ground may arise [in a Place] where you will probably be strong enough in a little time, to give protection to Chineses, and all other trading Nations of India, besides y^t^ y^e^ resort of shipping from fort S^t^ George, to winter & repair must needs render your place very populous in few years, and y^e^ rather because we design upon those Islands (that make your harbour) a Carpenters yard, like Unrust near Batavia, always replenisht with good quantitys of timber (w^th^ which we understand y^t^ Country abounds) smiths shops, Masts, Yards, tarre & all other Materialls, fitt for y^e^ building or repairing of ships, of w^ch^ we shall write you more particularly ℔ Royall James.

8. The goods we now send you we would have you dispose of, to our most advantage & return us our next ship w^th^ her lading of Pepper, as soon as you can, y^t^ if it be possible shee may not lye in your Road above 2 months at Most, [after her first arriveall w^th^ you,] & if she sh^d^ arrive when your Circumstances are such, y^t^ you cannot be confident to give her a dispatch fully laden w^th^ Pepper for England within 2 months after her first arrivall with you, we would have you in such case, as y^e^ wind shall best serve at y^t^ time to dispeed her for Bengall to be laden with Rice & Provision for Atcheen or Priaman, or else for Porto Novo to be laden there with Rice as the Rochester was, & at her returne to you to be instantly dispatcht home for England with Pepper, [but it will] be much Better if you [could] dispatch her home to us as not to need to make any trip in the Country.

9. If you should be necessitated to send her for Rice [either] of y^e^ ways before menc̃on'd it will be necessary you should [send] Copy's of y^e^ Paragraph of this [letter] relateing to this business [to] our Presid^t^ and Council of y^e^ Fort, or to our Agent & Councill in y^e^ Bay, which [we doe require them] respectively to observe [& dispatch] as there shall be occasion.

10. We [have considered of] our Priviledge of Coining [at Priaman] but in regard that [we would not encumber you w^th^ too much] business at y^e^ first settlem^t^ we have [rather] thought [fitt to order] our Mint at fort S^t^. George to serve for your place likewise [& for] y^e^ regular keeping of our Books, and making some advantage of our money as the Dutch have always done, we have [appointed] y^e^ sev^ll^. species of money to be coyn'd at fort S^t^. George, & to pass Curr^t^. in all paym^ts^. at Pryaman, at y^e^ severall rates menc̃oned in our letter to fort S^t^. George of w^ch^. you have a Copy herewith, and also in y^e^ Title of y^e^ Officers and Souldiers subscriptions, now going to you, of which we send you y^e^ Originall, requiring you in all payments to proceed accordingly, which will not at all affect y^e^ Natives of Pryaman, because our Contract with them for pepper is to be paid in Spanish P^s^. of $\frac{8}{8}$ & it matters not to them at what rate we value y^m^.

11. If your Officers and Souldiers y^t^ came from fort S^t^. George are entertain'd at any higher terms, than we have entertain'd these now sent, and are not willing to come to these terms, you may by the first opportunity returne them back to y^e^ fort, & entertain in their stead, so many Portugeez, or 5 [Pardemen], as you have occasion of them after y^e^ Royall James [arrives].

12. We will alwayes have our Chief of Pryaman to be Governour of our Town and fort there, & Captain of our first Company of English foot, y^e^ 2^d^: of o^r^ Council Captain of our 2^d^; Company of English foot & y^e^ 3^d^: of our Council to be Captain of our 3^d^: Comp^a^ of English foot, and that it be a standing Rule for all Lieut^ts^.

& Ensigns to give place & precedency to all of factors degree; and that all Writers give place & precedency to all Comission Officers.

13. We send you herewith all our Printed Rules & orders, w^th^ such in writing as we have made since printing y^e^ former, requiring you to see them put into exact execution, without favour or affection to any person, and that you punish the least appearance of disobedience or sedition in any Officers or souldiers by y^e^ strict Rules of Martiall Law.

14. We shall contrive as soon as we can y^e^ sending you some Madagascar blacks, to be bred up ship Carpenters, Smiths and other Handicrafts Trades, as the Dutch do to their great advantage at Batavia.

15. We doe establish the Sallaryes of our Chief & Councill of Priaman as followeth Viz^t^ Our Cheife and Governour to have 100^£^ ℔ Anñ and Captaines pay. Our second [50^£^]℔ Anñ and Captaines pay, our third of Councill 50^£^ ℔ Anñ Our 4^th^ of Councill 40^£^ ℔ Anñ. Factors 15^£^ ℔ Anñ. Writers 5^£^ ℔ Anñ. Our Cheife and Second aforesaid to doe Captaines Duty as souldiers in all respects in their turnes, and not to trust their Lieutenants wholly with their Companïes, but y^e^ Cap^ts^. to make themselves able [&] to accustome themselves often to Exercise their own Companies, that both Cap^ts^. and Soldiers may arrive at exact expertness & readyness in y^e^ exercise of their Armes.

16. Our Captaines neglect of this duty at Bombay, lost their power and interest among the soldiers, and [was a] great cause of that Rebellion last year.

17. You must charge each Cap^t^. with y^e^ valew of all Cloths Viz^t^ Coates, Hatts shooes & Stockings delivered their Companies reckoning 40 ℔ Cent advance upon the Invoice price as is customary at S^t^. Helena and Bombay, (though the Dutch in such cases take alwayes 70 ℔ Cent) and the Cap^ts^. are gradually to reimburse themselves from their inferiour Officers and Soldiers, by stopping in hand one fourth part of each mans pay, untill all Cloaths are paid for, which is now practiced in all the Kings new raised Army in England as Leiuten^t^. Chetwind and all old Officers know, but if any Officer puts himself into a proper and sutable equipage at his own charge, nothing is to bee deducted for his Cloathes.

18. Though a Drummers Cloaths cost us more then a private Soldiers by reason of the Ciphers imbroidered upon them, as also the Granadeers, yet we would have no more deducted for their Coats and Caps, then for every other private Soldiers Cloaths. The Granadeers we designe for a life Guard for our Govern^r^ M^r^ Ord alwayes, or as often as he pleaseth to attend his person, and therefore we give him leave, to choose them all himselfe out of the propperest, and nimblest of our Soldiers.

19. If at the first arrivall of our officers & Soldiers, before publick houses of entertainement and Subtillers are licensed, and before they are setled in their Quarters in Barrocks within our Forts, you should be forced to accommodate them with Rice or other Provisions of the Companies, it must be your care to reimburse the Comp^a^. for such charge out of their pay.

20. It must likewise be your care to build within your ffort convenient and regular storehouses for Rice & Paddy and allwayes to be well stored therewith to hold out a Seige of 12 M^os^. if need should be as also to sell as the Dutch doe to that Comp^a^. considerable advantage.

21. In setting out the bounds of our Towne of Priaman we would have you designe it large, strong & regular in all its Streets, and fitt places for Busars, or Markett places, Churches, Hospitalls, a strong Prison, Custome houses and ware-houses for all occasions, whereof you may proceed in the building by degrees, after you have first provided for your security as well against the ill nature of Sumatreans within, as the enmity of the Dutch without you.

22. Wee presume besides the benefit we shall have by our Madagascar Blacks, learning and working in handy Craft trades, they will be some kind of ballance in case of need against an Enemy, they being as much Strangers to the Sumatrians as they are to us, and we suppose 5 of them will not cost us so much to maintaine as one English soldier, [soe] that if upon Consideration you find it convenient you may [enure] some of them to keep Guards & Watches in their Courses, at

convenient places there, & under such officers as you shall appoint them, with Lances, Darts, & Swords, or other weapons of India, but teach them not the use of fire Armes.

23. We observe by the ffort Consultation book y^t^ Priaman, Orankeys stood pretty stiffly to reserve to them[selves,] y^e^ profitts of the Datchin, or weighing Beame, and we must note to you y^t^ y^e^ Dutch farme out the profitts of their [Datchin] at 10000 Doll^rs^. ℔Anñ, we would have you farme out ours at Pryaman to some of the great men there at y^e^ most you can get at present, Though but 4 or 500 Doll^rs^ ℔ Anñ at first or 1000 Doll^rs^., but never farme that or any other of the Companies Dutyes for above one year, because if it please God to continue your healths, we doubt not but the trade and Inhabitants of our Town of Pryaman will more then double every year.

24. You know we allow noe Cap^ts^ pay at Fort S^t^. [George] though we now doe it to you, the reason whereof is our President and Second there, which are the Capt^s^ are not accustomed to Soldiers duty but leave that to their Lieuten^ts^: which we would not have you doe, but as you are the founders of a new English Collony, so you should begin upon new and better Methods, which is not difficult since our Chief M^r^ Ord having long observed all the order of our Government and œconomy at the ffort, has an advantage at Pryaman of our and his experience there, to mend what is capable of melioration & to add some things that are wanting, according to the Old Proverb *Dies Diem Docet.*

25. Thô we have said before, we think it not convenient, that for your defence you should enure any of our Madagascar Blacks to fire-Armes. Yet we think, if you had 50 of our old Peons from Fort S^t^ George, that have been used there as Musketeers and Pikemen, they might doe good service, and having been our old servants, would be faithfull, and a good ballance against the Sumatrians, Madagascar Blacks, or Mutinous drunken English, if we should have the misfortune to entertain any such, as we have formerly been troubled w^th^. The true art of Government being the ballancing of power, & that still not any where more necessary then in Settlements of India.

26. When you have considered the preceeding Paragraph, what you find occasion of from Fort S^t^. George you may write to our President & Councill for, and we shall now give them order to supply you with any people they can perswade to goe that you shall write for or anything else they can spare.

27. Anything we have sent you now or shall send you hereafter of English Com^ds^ that you cannot or do not sell within ten months after its arrivall, we enjoyn you, after such ten months tryall of your Marketts, to send all such remaines of goods unsold to Fort S^t^. George, (which shall be our only constant magazeene for Europe Goods) and we require your observance of this, as a constant rule, as also not to trust out, any of our Commodities to the Natives without present pay or other goods in trucke except you could create a sound responsible Company of black Merchants as at Fort S^t^ George, which we doubt is not presently to be done, among such a cast of people as you are setled with.

28. If you have a loading for this Ship the Royall James, it is the best thing, that can happen for our service, and in such case, we would have you dispatch her home to us forthwith, but in case you shall not have pepper to dispatch her in less then two months time as afores^d^, we would have you in that case, after a speedy taking on shore of our mony, Soldiers, and what else we have sent by her, to dispatch her with all possible expedition to Ballasore road, if y^e^ Winds searve, (& not to Porto Nova) but in case of Unsafety of Passage to y^e^ Bay, to take in a full loading of Rice Butter Oyle & other provisions for Atcheen, except o^r^ Agent and Councill in the Bay, shall think fitt to detaine her longer there for our service, in case they be not better used, by the Mogul's Gov^rs^. in Bengall then they have been lately.

29. With the Royall James, or presently after the receipt of this Lre, if you can spare them without hazarding the security of our Fort of Pryaman send all our Sloopes that shall be with you at the arrivall of this Ship to Ballasore to load back with Salt to Pryaman, to which purpose, We have wrote to our Agent and

Councill in the Bay, and herewith send you our letter open, which we would have seal'd & forward'd to them by the first opportunity.

30. And in the mean time we would have you be providing of large Godownes for the reception of great quantities of Salt.

31. The bill of loading & invoice will informe you, what you are to receive out of this ship. The Olibanum, & Sapan Wood, we hope you may have occasion to sell to some Chynamen at Pryaman or at Atcheen the rest of our goods, we would have you dispose of, as soon, and as much to our Advantage, as you can, and you shall be soon resupplied.

32. Wee shall send you goods & dollars, by the next ship, sufficient for loading two ships, besides w you have recd: from Fort St. George, soe yt. wee hope you may be in condicon, to dispatch 3 or 4 good ships yearly to us, wth pepper, wch will be much more to our advantage to come directly to us from yor place, then to send yor pepper first to Fort St. George, to be reloaden frō thence to England, & therefore wee shall write to or President &ca at ye Fort, from time to time, to supply you wth shipping from thence, yt shall come directly from Priaman hither, wch yt that they may doe wth ye more exactnesse you are by all opportunityes, to give ym advice w pepper you have in store, or may have in a short time.

33. If this arrive time enough wth you, notwithstanding w wee have said before of yor sloopes, wee would have you if you can, immediately to dispatch one of or most burdensome sloopes, wth a loading of pepper, to or Chiefe & Council of Tonqueene, adviseing ym to make sale thereof to or most advantage, & to make or returnes by ye same sloope to Fort St. George, in Japan Copper Tutenag, or oyr. wise in w elce they can procure, most propper for ye Fort, or or Europe marketts.

34. By ye Sloope you send to Tonqueene, forward or Pacquett theither.

35. Capt. Udall carryes wth him two sloopes, wch when he has done wth, if they are for or. service, & in good Condition, you may buy of him, but wee thinke hee may well affoard ym you, for halfe they cost in England, when they have served his turne this voyage.

36. That you may know wn these Sallaries, wch. wee doe now appoint shall begin, & how to acco wth or Officers & Souldiers, wee must tell you yt all Sallaries &c as they were establisht at ye Fort, shall continue as they were, untill ye arrivall of ye Royall James wth you, then you are to begin upon ye establishmt now appointed, & to reckon all Sallaries & souldiers wages, by ye Callendary month as wee doe at Fort St. George, & wee appoint a Capts. pay of an English Compa. to be 10£ ℔ month ye oyr Officers pay as stated, by their owne subscription, now sent you, our Souldiers are not to be oblidged to receive new cloaths above once a yeare, as is customary in ye Kings guards here, ye number of or Granadeers for a life guard to or Govern. we intend shall be twenty, & there is a Serjeant entertained purposely to Command ym, as you will perceive by ye list, but if hee or any oyr. Officer bee drunke, or misbehave themselves, you are to Cashier ym & punish them according to ye Law Martiall, wch now (since writing ye former paragraphs of this lre) is together wth ye order & exercise of all sorts of armes compiled into one booke, & printed by his Majties. ordr. of wch bookes wee send you twelve by this ship, injoyning you not to part wth any of ym out of our Garrison, though you may Lend ym to any of or Officers for their information and direction.

37. Wee expect yt each Captaine should exercise his Compa. three times in each weeke, or as often as weather will ℔mit, untill they are as ℔fect as it is possible for Souldiers to bee, & ℔forme all their exercises readily & decently, by beate of drum as well as Vocall Command, ye manner whereof as it is now used in ye Kings guard here, or Lieutent. & Serjeants now sent, can soone informe you, & very easy it is, after men are a little accustomed to it.

38. If you happen to have any novice, or dull block headed fellow in either of yor Compas, you must see yt yor. Serjeants or his file lader bee constantly tutring of him untill he can performe all his postures, as readily & gracefully as ye best.

39. The very sight of y^e^ Compleat exercise, of two such Comp^as^ of a hundred & twenty men, each, besides y^t^ it is very beautifull in it selfe, will make you feared & admired by all y^t^ hate you.

40. Serjeant James Edge, & Serjeant George Smithurst, wee had w^th^ leave out of y^e^ Kings guards, under y^e^: Charecter of Sober men, & expert Souldiers, w^ch^ if they prove to bee, as wee have reason to thinke they will, you may prefer one or both of them to be Ensignes as soone as any Vacancy happens, by death or absence of their superior Officers.

41. Wee are now resolved y^t^ y^e^ Rainbow w^ch^ wee intended should have stopt with you shall not doe it, to hinder her passage out but shall make y^e^ best of her way for Tonqueene, but from Tonqueene we have obliged y^e^ Owners & Comander by Charter party & y^r^ Comander by our Instructions y^t^ y^e^ ship shall toutch at yo^r^ place in her returne home to fill up with pepper She may with god's blessing be with you from Tonqueene by y^e^ last of January come twelve moneths & we give you this timely notice of it, y^t^ you may not faile before y^t^ time to be provided w^th^ & keepe in store for her ab^t^ 100 tuns of pepper w^ch^ must be put on board her w^th^ all possible expedition, in 3 or 4 dayes time to prevent her making a winter voyage home, y^e^ avoyding whereof depends singly upon yo^r^ giveing her instantly a dispatch w^ch^ extreamly concernes us as well in respect to y^e^ Safety of y^e^ Ship & goodes homeward as her Seasonable ariveing here before our Michaellmas Sale following. So Commending you & our affairs to y^e^ Guidance & protecc̃on of y^e^ Almighty, we remain

Your loving friends

Boun.	Gov^r^.
Hoodere.	Dep^ty^.
Herne.	Worcester.
Bankes.	Hutchinson.
Sambrooke.	Jarrett.
Edw^ds^.	Boone.
Dashwood.	Canham.
	Rawlinson.

[*Endorsed:*] Lre to Pryaman dated 21^st^ October 1685.—N^o^. 4—Entred H. M.

London 24^th^ ffebruary 1685.

Our President and Council
at Fort S^t^. Geroge.

We have writt you at large by the Beaufort Rochester and Nathaniel, and remember little to be now added to you, but to inculcate our orders, respecting the increase of our Revenue, W^ch^. we require you to improve by all the methods we have directed, and Such others as your own Ingenuity Shall invent, by conference with Cap^t^. Nicholson, M^r^ Stileman and others that have Seen the practice of the Dutch wisdom in Batavia in that respect, w^ch^. was certainly the foundacon of their greatnes in India, & is now the Support of it.

We have very particularly in our former letters directed your making provision of Some Sorts of goods resembling Our Bay goods, which you must necessarily enjoyne our Black Merchants and all persons of whom you buy our comon Sorts of goods to provide you of each, Some little quantity of the new sorts now desired, and at moderate rates, which you may easily convince their understandings, wilbe as much their own Interest as Ours. Because if we have the Same Goods from the ffort upon as easy terms as we buy them elsewhere, it wilbe evident by our Interest to make the greatest Investment at that place, where we have So great a Strength.

We hope with this to Send you an Authentick Copy of Our new Charter, wherein you will see his present Ma^ty^ hath been pleased to grant and confirm to us

all the powers We can possibly desire, and all that the Dutch have or can pretend to from their Sovereigns, So that now our Constitucon Stands upon the Same foot of power with the Dutch Comp^{a}. And if we [you ?] do not manage it aswel and as much to the publick advantage as the Dutch do, the fault must be Ours, that We do not direct you well and wisely; or yours, that you do not effectually, prudently and faithfully pursue those direccons We give you; W^{ch}. We hope you will never give us cause to Say of you.

We understand by conference with Captain Andrews, that there is up within the land of Sumatra, a great King called the Monant Cabo, which is the principall & paramount King of that Island of Sumatra, and that the Dutch keep a constant correspondence with him, and two or three ffactors alwayes at his Court; designing without question, the Same kindnes to him, which they have done to the King of Ceilon, now called King of Canda. Because they have gott all his Sea Ports, We think (to prevent their design thereof at Sumatra) it may be convenient for our President to write a Civill letter to him, and send him such a Present in such kind and Manner as M^{r} Ord (upon his better experience of that country and customs) Shall advise, and with your present to make Such request to that great King, as shall tend most to the Companies advantage, settlement and security of that important place of Pryaman, w^{ch} we would have you Strengthen and cultivate by all means within your power, and that you would constantly Supply them with such Portugeez or other Native Souldiers, as you think may be faithfull to us, which we hope any will, that have been bred under the English, and Such peradventure may have their healths at Pryaman, better then fresh men Sent from England, besides w^{ch}. they are cheaper, And We are assured, the Dutch in their fforts upon that Coast (for the causes aforesaid) do make very much use of Macassar and Bugga's Souldiers.

Whenever you renew any Treaty, or obtain any Phirmaund from the King of Gulcondah or Sombajee or any other Prince or Nation We would have you endeavour in all Such cases to obtain an article, that any Englishman or other Subject or Subjects of our Sovereign Lord the King abiding or being in any parts of their respective dominions (without Our Presidents leave or consent) Shall upon demand be delivered up unto you. And the like order We would have you give to Our Agent and Council in Bengall with respect to any new Treaty, that they may have occasion to enter into with any Prince or Nation hereafter, ffor altho' We design great liberty for free Merchants aswel as ffree Ships to go for India, and trade there without prejudice to the Company, yet we resolve that no Englishman shall ever abide or Stay in India without giving constant and due obedience to all our Rules and Orders, and to respective Chiefs and Councils, among which rules and orders of ours, you must not forget, that one Rule is, that whatever Englishman hath liberty to trade in India, is to keep house or reside with his ffamily at ffort S^{t}. George, or in some other of our fortified towns or places, and there to pay (as we usually say) Scott and Lott to the Comp^{a} as Lords Proprietors and Protectors of that place under his Ma^{ty}.

And whereas it hath been a fruitles Custom of our Predecessors to send for Criminalls and ill men home, where We have not tyme (nor are indeed a fitt constitucon) to follow the law effectually against particular persons especially in triviall cases, We would [have you] hereafter, now you have all Sorts of law in yo^{r} Selves, punish all Offences and Offenders there by ffines to the Company, or other punishm^{ts}. as the merits of their case Shall require, as the Dutch do, ffor any Englishman in India (how bad Soever) is a Strength to the place, If our Government there be wise and Sharp enough to force him to be of good behaviour or keep him in Goal til he be So, or otherwise punish him, if his Crimes be of an higher nature.

We have ordered the Captain of the Pryaman to take in a quantity of wine at Madera of which half is to be Sent you from Pryaman, which we think may amount to ten or fifteen Butts. Part for the use of Our ffactory as you shall See cause, and the Overplus to be Sold for our acco^{tt} and We have ordered a less

proportion to be sent to Bengall of which you may give intimacon to Our Agent and Council there.

Wee remaine
Yo[r] loveing friends

JOHN MOORE.	CHRIS BOONE.	JOS[A] CHILD Dep[ty].
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.	JOHN LETHIEULIER.	JA. EDWARDS.
	GEORGE BOUN.	BEN BATHURST.
	JOHN GOODERE.	SAM. DASHWOOD.
	W[M] SEDGWICKE.	JAM. WARD.
	W[M] JARRETT.	THO: RAWLINSON.
	R. HUTCHINSON.	

[*Endorsed*:]—24 Feb[r]: 1685/6, Comp[as] Grall to y[e] Fort—N°. 1.—rec[d]. ℔ Rebecca 25 Dec[r]. 1686—entred ℔ H.M.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO THE FORT BY THE SHIP REBECCA.

1. Comp[as] Generall to y[e] Fort dated y[e] 24[th] ffebruary 1685.
2. Invoice of y[e] Rebecca.
3. Bills of Lading D°.
4. Charter party D°.
5. The Accomptants Letter.

[*Endorsed*:] List of y[e] Pacquett—rec[d] ℔ Rebecca 25[th] Xber. 1686—entred ℔ H.M.

LONDON 10[TH] FFEBRUARY 1685

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
AT FORT S[T] GEORGE.

We have as you will find by the inclosed order of Court continued the giving leave this year as we did the last to Mérchants for Sending out Severall quantityes of Corrall Beads upon their payment of 10 per Cent to us, and have therein provided, that upon their arrivall there, You and Our Council (if you find it for our advantage) may take them for Our use, Paying the Proprietors the full cost and value as Invoiced, with 10 ℔ C[t]. advance for the Same, and the permission of 10 ℔ c[t]. rec[d]. here w[ch] is to be paid them in Dollars at 5[s]. 4[d] ℔ ounce.

We desire you will view every particular parcell & consider whether our permitting or prohibiting this comodity will turne us most to acco[t]. and in case it be advisable for us to restrain it for the future, that then you would advise us what Sorts of Beads and the quantityes are best to be Sent from hence, and w[ch] of the Sorts that are now come out yield the best price.

In the Beauforts Invoice we have deducted 228 Small Piggs of Lead, as returned out of the Ship, but upon exacon find that the Lighterman rec[d] but 225 So that y[u] ought to receive out of that Ship 440 Small piggs, tho' there be but 437 Invoiced. Wee remain

Your loving Friends.

HEN JOHNSON.	JOS[A] CHILD Dep[ty].
THO COOKE.	JA. EDWARDS.
W[M]. JARRETT.	BEN BATHURST.
R. HUTCHINSON.	SAM DASHWOOD.
JOSEPH HERNE.	JAM: WARD.
GEORGE BOUN.	CHRIS BOONE.
THO: RAWLINSON.	JOHN MOORE.
	JOHN LETHIEULLIER
	JEREMY SAMBROOKE.

P.S. Understanding by Captain Andrews of the Cæsar that Iron is very good Commodity at Pryaman We desire therefore you would send 50 tuns of Iron thither by y^e^ first conveniency & to supply that [place] from time to time (as you find there is occasion) with [that] Commodity. If the John & Mary that was formerly consigned by us to your Port (having since lost her passage by going to Batavia) should arrive at your Port, and you shall find her fitt and able to come for England, & have an Overplus of goods by you, more then will lade our other Ships whose tyme is not elapsed, We would then have you to load her and send her to us for England, notwithstanding that the tyme by w^ch^ We were obliged to her is long Since past, but you must take Such a Survey of her as to be assured that She is fitt to come to England with Safety to our goods.

W^m^ : Sedgwicke.	Jos^a^ Child Dep^ty^.
George Boun.	Ben Bathurst.
Tho : Rawlinson.	John Moore.
W^m^ : Jarrett.	Joseph Herne.
John [Goodere.]	Jeremy Sambrooke.
	Hen : Johnson.
John Lethieullier.	Jam : Ward.

[*Endorsed*:] Companies Generall to Fort St. George dated 10^th^ February 1685—rec^d^ ℔ Rebecca 25 Dec. 1686—entred ℔ H.M.

At a Court of Committees holden y^e^ 13^th^ January 1685.

On reading an Order of Court of 21^th^ January 1684, touching the Exportation of Corrall Beads, and a Question arising thereupon, whether y^e^ same should be still continued in force upon a long and serious Debate thereof had, It is order'd that permission be granted to all Merchants to export on y^e^ Companyes Ships for India Such quantities of Corrall beads, as they shall think fitt, paying ten ℔ cent permission for y^e^ same, according as they are valued in their Invoice, So as they goe consign'd to the Comp^as^ Generall or President and one of y^e^ Comp^as^ Council at Surratt or Fort S^t^. George, and to one of y^e^ Said Exporters Correspondents in either of y^e^ afores^d^. places; and So as upon the Arrivall of the Said Beads at Suratt or at y^e^ Fort, The Comp^as^. Generall President, and Councills there respectively, may have y^e^ Same for y^e^ Comp^as^ use upon payment unto them or their order, y^e^ full Cost and Value of y^e^ said Corrall Beads mencon'd in their Invoice w^th^ ten ℔Cent advance for the Same, as also y^e^ permisson of ten per Cent, which the Company have receiv'd here, before their Shipping, which money is to be paid by y^e^ President & Councill in Dollars at y^e^ Rate of 5 s. 4 d. ℔oz. And it is referr'd to the Committees for y^e^ Treaſy, to view Such parcell of Corrall Beads, as y^e^. s^d^. Merch^ts^ shall desire to enter, & their Bills of Lading & ffactorys to y^e^ end y^e^ Comp^a^. may receive ℔mission according to y^e^ full value of y^e^ s^d^ Beads.

Ex^r^. Ro. Blackborne Sec^ry^.

[*Endorsed*:] 13 January 1685—Order of Court touching Exportacon of Corrall Beads—rec^d^ ℔ Rebecca 25^th^ Dece^r^ 1686—entred ℔ H.M.

London 26^th^ September 1684.

Our Chief & ffactors

at Tonqueen.

Wee Send you with this Ship copies of our lett^rs^ of the 20^th^ Septemb^r^, 2^d^ & 4^th^ October by the Smirnaote and 2^d^ July 1684 overland, by w^ch^ you will see w^t^ our thoughts then were of that trade, & y^t^ wee did then reestablish M^r^ Keeling according to his degree, in the Chiefship of y^t^ Factorie, w^ch^ we do Still confirme if he be upon the place, but if he be removed to Syam or any other remote

Countrey, We do in Such case ordr Mr Hodges to continue Chief thereof and in case Mr. Hodges bee dead or absent, We appoint Mr. George Task to be our Chief there, And we do hereby totally remove from our Service Mr. Ireton hee being as we are Severall waies informed wholly given up to Sottish Drunken course of life & consequently unfitt for any trust in or Service.

2. What money and goods we have Sent you by this Ship the Dragon you will undrstand by the Inclosed Invoice and bill of Lading, Wee have ordred ye Comandr Capt Fenn to Sayle directly for Tonqueen, Stopping only five dayes at Acheen, where we have ordred our Chief & Factors to fill up ye Ship with Pepper if they can possible effect it in yt time.

3. And now we have Setled your Factorie in Subordinacõn to our President and Councill of ffort St. George, you are to ffollow such ffurthr orders as you Shall from time to time receive from them theirs not being repugnant to our own orders.

4. You will See by the Invoice yt we have Sent you (to help fill up ye Ship) Some quantity of Joyners ware to be Lackred there, wch we have done upon conference wth Capt Knox and Mr. James, who both assure us, you may with care and circumspecõn procure them to be bettr lackred and painted then ordinary wherein we can give you no particular directions, they being things of Fancy, but we would have them all well done and Substantiall that may hold for many yeares and with as much variety as may be, Some plain black, but most to be adorned with birds, fflowers or Imagery Such as you Shall with the advice of Mr. Clyve Purser of the Dragon, think may be most acceptable in England, the Said Mr. Clyve was formerly a Cabinet maker, and kept a great Shop of Such wares in this City, and by his former profession and his observacõn now, he Should pro[b]ably be able to make the best Judgment wt sort of workes may be most in request here, and therefore we desire Capt Fenn to take him for his Purser, that he might be upon the place, to assist your fancies, and direct the workmen you Shall employ in the Lackring of those Joyners wares in the most comly and agreeable manner to the humour of this place, and we have promised him at his returne a reward Suitable to the Service he Shall do us therein, and would have you accordingly to make use of him, while the Ship Stayes there.

5. We can give you no bettr directions for the Investment of this Cargo into proper goods of Tonqueen, then wt we did in our former lettrs, but it will verry much Import us, that this Ship Should Speedily return to us, and therefore if it be possible We would have you Dispatch her from Tonqueen, Some time before the end of Decembr, that Shee may Save her passage through the Streights of Malacca to Acheen, and from thence to London, wch if you could effect would be most acceptable Service to us, & give us a proffe as well of yor Sufficency as of yor zeale for our Service, but if it Shall be utterly Impossible to procure neare the full returnes of her outward bound Cargo, before the last of Decembr, it will not be Saffe or convenient to Send her through the Streights of Mallacca, but rather through the Streights of Sunda, and in Such Case we would have you consigne or Said Ship and Cargo to our Presidt & Councill of ffort St George, Sending by her a Copie of this lettr, by wch we do ordr them to take out of our Ship Dragon onely Some of her Tonqueen goods as are proper for India Vizt Gold Vermilion or Tutenage, if you can procure any, but they leave all our Silkes, lackred and China wares to come home in the Ship for Europe, aftr they have filled her up with So much goods of Fort St. George as She can conveniently Stow.

6. Mr. James hath given us his oppinion at wt rates ye Severall Sorts of Lackred work may be well prformed at Tonqueen, but in regard you have So long resided there, and we would not limitt yor fancys, wch Shall leave yt to yor Discreet bargaining with the workemen, but in generall we would have at least three quarter parts of those things, we have Sent you well adorned with gold haveing observed the guilding of such wooden wares is as Strongly & cheaply performed at Tonqueen as in any place.

7. Musk is alwaies a certain Commodity if you Send it good, & not adultarated, and therefore we have long Since made that intirely the Companies comodity, and we doe require you to Send us all you can possibly procure, without Shiping

any thereof, or Suffering any thereof to be Shipt upon this or any other Ship or Vessell, for the acco^{t} of any English w^{t} soever.

8. Tho we liked not the putting M^{r}. Blackmore Into our Councill aft^{r} the old Loose Bantam fashion without our consent, yet we have So good a Charracter of him otherwise, and beleive he must now have arryved to So much experience of the trade and Language of that Place, that we do now confirme [him] One of our Councill of Tonqueen.

9. Wee have not displaced M^{r} Hodges for any fault we finde in him, but only because we know it is M^{r} Keelings right, and though we would have M^{r} Hodges continue Second there, yet we Shall be content he Should remove to Fort S^{t} George, and we Shall take care for his preferment there.

10. Wee are very desirous to procure Some Chinese Merchants to live at Fort S^{t} George, hopeing if Some few were there first, our Presidents good usage of them might in a Short tyme, Invite more of there countrymen, to inhabite there, where they might be Instrumentall to begett a trade to Some part of y^{e} South Seas, and consequently much encrease y^{t} Generall inland trade w^{ch}. we permitt at the Fort & be a means to augment the generall trade of y^{t} Place, as they were the first rise of Batavia, wherefore if M^{r} Hodges Should resolve for that place, we would have him if he cann preswade [*sic*] some experienced Chineses to go with him thither, where we have ordred that they Shall [be] treated and incouraged by all kind of Civilityes.

11. We have had thoughts this yeare and formerly, that our Tonqueen Ship after delivering all her Cargo to you except onely four or five Chests Silver and aboute 40 tons of Pepper, might with the Said four or five Chest of Sylver & the Said Pepper, make a tripp to the Lampacoa Islands, and trye to obtain an Investment in Chyna goods, and fromthence returne in December, time enough to take in the Tonqueen goods, and Save her passage through the Streights of Sunda ffor ffort S^{t} George that Same Monsoon.

12. The Objections against these Notions are 1st that it may cost no double presents to y^{e} Capén Mandarins to have leave for this tripp 2^{dly} That it is very uncertain wheth^{r} we Shall meete with any trade in the Lampacoa Islands, it being affirmed by our Servants now come hith^{r} from Batavia, that the Portugeez of Macoa, had prevailed with the Tartars to prohibit all Trade aboute the Lampacoa Islands.

13. Whether this latt^{r} discourse doth hold true or not, you will be better able to Judge, being nearer the place then we are here, So that upon the whole matter, We leave it to yo^{r} Discretion, So do what shall think most Safe and convenient for us, with this Limitacon, that you do send the Ship to try for a trade in the Islands aforesaid, you Send one of our Councell to go and returne upon her, consigning the remaind^{r} of the Cargo aforesaid to him, to be desposed of at the Said Islands, to him you Shall so Send & the Cap^{t} of the Ship Dragon, for the Cap^{ts} care therin, we Shall reward him accordingly on his returne hith^{r}.

14. M Warren our Chururgeon with you, who at his going hence was entertained at the Sallary of 27£ p^{r} anum, haveing (besides the one third ℔^{te} thereof paid here to his wife) received onely one other third part of from you on the place, w^{ch} (as is alleaged) is too litle for his maintenance, We think fitt to ord^{r} and direct that you pay him w^{t} is due to him in arreares for the other third ℔^{te}, w^{ch} hath been detained in our hands, and that for the future he be allowed the two full thirds of his Said Sallary as it becomes due.

15. M^{r} Clyve who was designed to go on this Ship, being unexpectedly deteyned here by a Suite in law, we have discoursed him at Large touching the lackred workes before menc̃oned, and would have you give ord^{r} that the Inclosed Instructions may be observed in the performance of w^{t} we write for to be Sent us as neare as may be.

16. We have as you will see by the Invoyce provided a parcell of ffyne woollen cloth, Callicos Prospective glasses and other Rarities in two Chests Marked A B which upon advice with M^{r} James we find will be most acceptable to the King of

Tonqueen, we would therefore have you present the Same to his Majesty from us, as they are without opening, and the 3d Case to the Mandarens.

We have not else to add but comẽending you and our affaires to the guidance and protecc̃on [of ye] Almighty. We remain

Your Loveing Friends.

[*Endorsed*:] Compas Generall to Tonqueen dated 26th September 1684—recd ℔ Dragon from Tonqueen 3rd Janry 168$\frac{4}{7}$— No 13—Entred ℔ H.M.]

London ye 4th March 1685/6.

Our Agent & Council
at Hughley.

Our last was of the 20th of January by the Rochester, Beaufort and Nathainel wherein We wrote unto you at large, and to which We have not more to add at present, but to inclose ye Invoice and bill of Lading of what is Sent you on this Ship the Curtana, by the Copy of whose Charterparty you will find she is to serve us Eight moneths, after her arrivall with you, if there be occasion to make use of her so long and afterwards She is at liberty to Trade in India according to agreement.

We understand yt ye Proceed of Mr Richards's estate was taken into our Agents own hands whereas by our Rules the Same ought to have been brought into our Cash and Advice Sent us how much the Same amounted to, to ye end the same might be paid to those that have Legall Authority to receive it. Wee have not else to add but remain

Your loveing Friends
Josa Child Depty.
Worcester.
Jam. Ward.

[*Endorsed*:] The Rt Honble Compas Generall to the Bay dated 4th March 168$\frac{5}{6}$— recd ℔ Curtana 25th March 168,—Coppy—Exa.

Our Agent & Council
in ye Bay of Bengall.

London ye 16th March 1685.

Since our Last to you of ye 27th January 1685 signd by Sr Jeremy Sambrook, Wee have had a Sale, and although in ye Generall Wee do referr You to his Orders, and those former Observations on the List of Goods sent You by the Ship George, Yet Wee have thought Good to add These following directions Vizt.

Gurrhaes send us 10000 Ps: N° 2: 3: 4: 5 and if there be any other Numbers send some for a Tryall.

Sannoes send none at all unless 20 ℔ Cent cheaper.

Cossaes send us 3000 Ps as We wrote for formerly by the George, but let there be 500 Ps finer then any by the Anne.

Mulmulls according to former directions by the George, but let there be 500 ℔s finer than any by the Anne if procurable. Wee take notice of ye Mulmulls from Maulda, N° A B R, C R and D R, wherein Wee have been greatly Abused. They will not yield us by 20 ℔ Cent, So much as theire Prime Cost in India, about which make strict and diligent enquiry. That Wee may have Satisfaction from those that have So Shamefully abused us therein.

And whereas by ye George Wee wrote for 48000 Pieces of Romalls, encrease that Number to 73000 of the Severall Sorts hereafter mencon'd Vizt.

Romalls Sute N°. 1 & 2. Send 5000 Ps. N°. 3. & 4. 12000 Ps. N°. 5. and 6. 12000 Ps. N°. F. 4000 Ps

Romalls Gurrubb N°. G.1 send 4000 Ps. G. 2. 4000 Ps. G. 3. 8000 Ps. G. 4. 8000 Ps. G. 5. 8000 Ps. & G. 6. 8000 Ps.

[Luck]howries Send none.

Encrease ye Number of Mohobutbannies to 2000 Ps:

Longees Send none of any sorts, althô by ye George Wee wrote for 5000 Ps.

Rastæs N° 15 Send 500 Ps. and N° 1 & 2. 500 Ps. althô in ye List of Goods in our Warehouses Wee wrote for none.

Whereas Wee wrote by ye George for 3000 Ps. of Gutburrows Send us but 2000 Pieces.

Concerning the defects in packing of Severall of our Goods recd: from the Bay Wee referr you to a Letter Written by our Warehousekeeper Mr Leonard Bray herewith Sent you and Order You to take care that We may have noe reason to complain thereof for ye future.

Herewith Wee send you a List of ye Dammages Wee have Sustain'd from the King of Syam and his Ministers.

Yor Loveing Freinds
Josa Child Depty.
Wm. Sedgwicke.
John Goodere.
Tho: Rawlinson.
George Boun.
John Paige.
John Banks.
Jam: Ward.
Wm: Jarret.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Sam: Dashwood.

[*Endorsed:*] The Rt Honble Compas Genll to the Bay dated 15th March 1685.—recd ℔ Curtana 25th March 1687—Coppy—Exa.

To the Agent & Council in the Bay of Bengale.

London 24 March 1685/6.

Srs.

Since the closure of the Curtana's packet, and her *Dispatches by our Masters* there is sent on board of that Ship 600 Glass Granado Shells, according to the enclosed Bill of Ladeing, they cost 4sh ℔ ps is 10£ which is charged to your accompt Distinct from the Invoice Sent you. Please to give our Acctt Currant Credit for it accordingly for no further Invoice needs to be Sent then this intimation of the quantity and Value which is by order of the Deputy Governor. I remaine

600 granadoes sent to Bengall by ye Curtana valued at 10£: wch: ye Compa or to give their accot currat: credit for.

Yor freind & Servant
Francis Beyer.

[*Endorsed:*] London 24th March 1685/6—Francis Beyer—recd ℔ Curtana 25th March 1687—Coppy—Exn—Granadoe Shells.

List of the Companys Pacquet to the Fort by ye ship Loyall Captain.

1. Compas Genll to ye Fort dated ye 24th Febry 1685.
2. Invoice of ye Loyall Captain.
3. Bill of Lading Do.
4. Charterparty Do.

[*Endorsed:*] List of the pacqt ℔ Loyall Captn—recd the 11th Aprill 1687—Entred J.S.

Rt Worspll

By direccon of Sr. Josia Child Our Deputy Govr I send you enclosed an accot: of the Supernumerary Seamen Ship'd on board ye Royall James, Beaufort, & Rochester, as ye Muster of them was taken at their de℔ture out of ye Downes to ye end You may dispose of them for ye Compas Service as You shall find occasion which is all I have in command, who am with great respect

Mr Blackbourne concerning Supernumerary Seamen on board ye Royll James Beauft: & Rochester.

East India house
20th April 1686.

Gentn
Your Worships most humble Servant
Ro: Blackborne Secry.

[*Endorsed*:] For yo^{r} Worps.—London 20th Aprill 1686—Robert Blackborn—rec^{d} Loyal Cap^{t}. 11th Aprill 1687—Entred J.S.

SUPERNUMERARIES MUSTER'D ON BOARD THE SHIPS FOLLOWING AT THEIR DEPARTURE OUT OF THE DOWNES.

On the Royall James ...	20
On the Rochester ...	15
On the Beaufort ...	16
Besides the men spared to y^{e} 3 Sloops Viz^{t}	
The Diamond	13
The Saphire	15
The Pearle	18

[*Endorsed*:] Supernumerarys on board y^{e} Ships within mencõnd—rec^{d} Y^{r} Loyall Cap^{t}. 11th Aprill 1687—Entred J.S.

LONDON THE 31TH MARCH 1686.

OUR GENERALL & COUNCILL OF SURATT
AND DEP^{TY}: GOV^{t}: & COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

The Governour and Comitties haveing left it to us, or any three of us, to give you Such Secrett Instructions, with our Sovereign Lord the Kings Approbation, as wee thinke may tend most to his Majesty & his Kingdoms and the Comp^{s} Honor & Interest in this time of trouble and probable Warr in Bengall, wee have thought it necessary to inclose with this all our Secrett Instructions to Bengall and ffort S^{t} George, and to the fflagg Officers and other Cap^{ts} of our Shipps already gon upon that Voiage, to the intent you Should knowe the necessity and true grounds of that great undertaking, and what Orders we have given, for the Commencement and Carrying on that great designe.

And in regard we know Bengall is under the Same Kings Dominions as Suratt is and that our Old Friends the Dutch will be ready to interpose in this or any other quarrells of ours (though wee never did in any of theirs) to doe you what prejudice they can as well at Bombay as Suratt, wee have at our excessive charge, Sett out a considerable ffleete of Warr like Shipps for your Assistance and Defence.

Our whole ffleete Designed for your Northern parts of India this yeare will consist of the following Shipps Viz^{t}:

		Tons	Men	Gunns
Charles y^{e} 2^{d}.	Cap^{ta}: Jonathan Andrews	775	154	60
Modena	Cap^{t}: William Wildy	775	154	60
Worcester	Cap^{t}: Edward Keiling	220	44	20
Nathaniel to come to you from Bengall. ...	Cap^{t}: John Mason	550	109	50
Emerauld				
Ruby ffrigott	Cap^{t}: Giles Hill	80	25	16
Bauden		...	...	...
Rosè	Cap^{t}: Thomas Lucas	120	30	25
Tonqueene Mrch^{t}	Cap^{t}: Robert Knox	160	30	14

Our Shipps gon to ffort S^{t} George, Bengall and y^{e} Southerne Parts of India this yeare are Viz^{t}.

		Tons	Men	Gunns
Beaufort ...	Cap^{t} John Nicholson	775	154	60
Rochester ...	Cap^{t} John Bromwell	775	154	60
Nathaniel ...	Cap^{t} John Mason	550	109	50
Royall James ...	Cap^{t} John Wetwang	650	129	50
Pryaman ...	Cap^{t} Jonathan Unkettell	150	30	20
Rainbow ...	Cap^{t} Benj^{a} Poole	250	50	24

		Tons	Men	Gunns
Rose ...	Cap^{t} Thomas Lucas	120 :	30 :	25
Herbert ...	Cap^{t} Henry Udall	750 :	130 :	46
Loyall Captain...	Cap^{t} ffrancis Eldred	150 :	27 :	20
Curtana ...	Cap^{t} Anthony Weltden	140 :	27 :	26
Saphire ...	Cap^{t} Stephen Bradley	80 :	25 :	16
Rebecca ...	Cap^{t} Thomas Batten	170 :	33 :	20
Diamond ...	Cap^{t} Thomas Woodcock	80 :	25 :	16
Pearle ...	Cap^{t} James Perryman	80 :	25 :	16

Of which fourteen Shipps 2 are mentioned in y^{e} foregoing List, because the Rose is to returne to you from Sumatra, and the Nathaniel from Bengall as aforesaid.

And in Regard we doe not know but our Generall and Council, or Some of our Principall Servants may be detayned by the Mogulls Governors at Suratt by reason of our differances in Bengall, as also because on Such occasions as these, it is good to Ride the fore horse if wee can, wee have orderd all our Captains to Bring to Bombay any of the Mogulls or his Subjects Shipps or Junks that they can meet within their passage, but not to take y^{e} Value of a penny from any of them, as they will answer the Contrary at the Perill of his Majestys Displeasure, untill they are condemn'd at Bombay if it proves a War, but that they Shall bee released, without looseing the value of a penny, if our differences with the Mogull may bee compounded in any Amicable way.

Wee would have you if it proves a warr, reserve one Sixth part of the proceed of all prize Shipps and goods at Sea for the reward of Commanders, Officers, Seamen & Souldiers, and for relief of Wounded and Maimed, and the Widdows & Orphans of Such as shall bee killed in this Servis, according to the order and discretion of any Council of Warr to that purpose to which Councill of Warr, Wee would have all Captains Summond, and Soe many of the Members of our respective Councils of Suratt & Bombay, as can be present, and to have Suffrage, and that in all Councills of Warr, our Generall for the time being Shall preside if he be present, and in his Absence, his Second of Suratt M^{r} Zinzan and next to M^{r} Zinzan our Dep^{ty} Gov^{r} S^{r} John Wyborne, and after them our Captains according to their Seigniorities and degrees.

You See by the Bengall papers before mentioned what Orders we have given for making peace, and Compounding those differences in the Bay, but as to the Breaches that Shall happen in your parts of India, wee are Soe well Satisfied of the ffidelity, & great Abilities of our Generall, by his Thirty years experience of, & residence in India, That wee shall give you noe particular directions, but leave all to his and your Prudence, to doe whatever you think is most for the Honor of Our King, & Country, and for the Companys Interest, remembring that wee are Merchants, and must live by trade and not by a long Warr.

Wee have often wrote you (according to the Order of his late Majesty and Council after many years conference concerning that) to pay noe more Customs at Tannah & Carinja, both which places doe of Right belong to his Maj^{ty}., but that if the Portugalls attempt to exact it of you by force, you Should resist force with force, and if that business brings you into A Warr with them, it can never happen at a better time then this, now you are Armed for other purposes, and therefore if you are put to it, and the Portugalls bee aggressors wee would have you doe your best to recover from them those Adjacent Islands to Bombay, which belong to his Maj^{ty}: and were formerly dependances upon Bombay (especially Sallsett), and ought to have been delivered up to his Majesty when Bombay was Surrender'd, for want whereof that Island instead of being a benefitt hath been a dead Charge to this Company, first and last of at least 300000 pounds Sterling, and cannot possibly subsist for want of provisions if you Sho^{d}: at any time be Block'd up by Sea, without Supplys from the adjoyning Island Sallseatt.

It will be necessary for you to make and always to keepe A Strict Confederacy with Sumbaiee Raiah who is a Warr like Prince, and thô he bee not the most

carefull of his honor, or of keeping his Leagues, all those Indian Princes will keepe their confederacyes, So long as they agree with their Interests, and it is possible for you to make Such terms with him, as Shall bee now and for many years his Intrest to preserve, to Sweeten him wherein, you may among other things agree to furnish him Constantly with So much Powder, Great Gunns & Shott, and Small Arms, on reasonable terms as he Shall desire annually, for which purpose we have now sent you a double proportion of Powder, and if you Should want more you may wright for what you will to Fort S^{t} : George, where we have 2600 Barrells in Store which it is full time were disposed of.

You may likewise wright to President Gyfford for 100 Topasses Souldiers, if you want them, which may doe you good Servise under English Officers, and be Some Ballance to your Canoreens and Rashpoots, it being never good to have too many of one cast in Arms under us.

Our letter to the Mogull you may send him by the Conveyance of his Governor of Suratt or otherwise as you shall thinke best, without the Ceremony of Presents, and if you think it necessary for our Servise by any alteration of affairs, which wee cannot foresee, you may Alter this letter, or forme any other letter or letters to him in Our names, and sett our Governor S^{r} Joseph Ash his hand thereunto which you are hereby authorised to doe.

Wee have Superscribed this Letter onely to our Generall S^{r} Jn^{o}: Child, Our Second of Suratt M^{r} Ch. Zinzan, our Deputy Governor of Bombay S^{r} John Wyborne, & Cap^{t} Vaux Second of Bombay, to the Intent, that if you think it for our Servis, you may keepe the Contents of it for some time Secret from the Rest of our respective Councills wee are

Your loveing ffriends
JOSEPH ASH Gov^{r}.
JOSIA CHILD Dep^{ty}.
BENJ^{A} BATHURST.
JOSEPH HERNE.

JAMES R.

Locus Sigilli.

Wee have seene and doe hereby approve of these Instructions from our East India Company to their Generall and Councill of Suratt, and Deputy Governor and Councill of Bombay, Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 9th day of Aprill 1686 in the Second Yeare of Our Reigne.

By his Majestys Command.
SUNDERLAND P.

[*Endorsed*:] Copie y^{e}: Secreet Committees letter to Surat Dated March 31st: 1686.—rec^{d} from Surat ℔ Adventure the 26th April 1687.—Ent: J.S.

M^{R}. W^{M}. GIFFORD & M^{R} ELIHU YALE.

I have this day writ you, und^{r} M^{r} Beards & y^{e} Cap^{t}. of y^{e} Cotanias covert, more largely, but having reservd no Copy thereof, I send this by a passenger on y^{t} Ship, to impart y^{e} materiall point of my former lre: w^{ch} is y^{t} you do forthwth: clear all your wharehouses at y^{e} ffort & in all your Subordinate factoryes, of all Europe goods, because I designe you, a double proportion especially of Eng^{h}. manufacture, & some ℔t thereof very early this yeare, to pleas his Maj^{tie} who is most grasious unto us in all respects, I am

Wanstead 24th May 1686.

Yo^{r} very affect frd
To serve you
Jos^{A} CHILD.

[*Superscribed*:] To W^{m} Gifford Esq^{r} & M^{r} Elihu Yale At ffort S^{t}: George.
[*Endorsed*:] ℔ M^{r}. Beards Cov^{t} ℔ Cotania.

OUR GOV^{R} AND COUNCILL OF PRYAMAN

Coppy.

100 Maccassar Buggess, Javan or Sumatran Natives to bee sent to Bombay.

Wee would have you imediatly after Receipt of this Lre: to provide with all y^{e} expedition you can, 100 Maccasar Buggess, Javan or Sumatran native Soldiers, y^{t} have no mixture of the Portugall cast or blood in them, and by one or two of our Sloopes laeden wth: Pepper send them away to our Gen^{ll}: & Councill of India, Residing at Bombay to Strengthen y^{t} Garrison, and encrease our Power therewth our Gen^{ll} can do himselfe Sufficiently by Such native Soldiers as are of y^{e} Portugall or Meesteez cast but we have too many of them there already and therefore would have you use your Dilligence in Accomplishm^{t} of this order from

Your Loving Friends

East india house 26th June 1686

OS^{A} CHILD Gov^{r}.

[*Endorsed*:] Copy Comp^{as} Generall to Priaman Dated the 26th June 1686.

LONDON 19TH NOVEMBER 1684.

M^{R}. JOHN CHENEY.
CAP^{T} W^{M}. GOODLAD.
M^{R}. [AMBROSE] MOODY.
M^{R}. [FREDRECK] BAGWELL.

1. We have appointed you four to be a Council for y^{e} managem^{t} of our affairs & disposiçon of our Cargo loaden on this Ship the Adventure, whereof you Capt^{n} Goodlad are Comand^{r}, & to you M^{r} Cheney, M^{r} Moody & M^{r} Bagwell, we have appointed salaries to be paid according to your sealed Indent^{rs}.

2. The ℔ticulars of o^{r} Cargo you will observe by y^{e} Invoices & bils of loading given you herewith, & consigned to yo^{r} selves to be disposed of at y^{e} Island of Mindano in y^{e} East Indies: Unto w^{ch} place (some of you know) we formerly have been invited to settle a factory by y^{e} King of that Island; Unto whom we have written a letter, w^{ch} you are to present with y^{e} best ceremony you can invent, according to the mode of those Eastern Countries: And if you find that place fit for y^{e} establishm^{t} of a residing factory, you may agree with y^{e} King upon y^{e} best terms you can for a constant residence there, viz, That he will build you at his own charge, a ffort of six Guns, & also a house for you in the said ffort. That you shalbe always free in yo^{r} persons & estates living & dying: That all misdemeano^{rs} committed by any English shalbe judged & punished only by o^{r} Chief & Council: That you shall always be free of Custom & all other Duties: That y^{e} King shall always protect you while you [are] upon his land ag^{t} all y^{t} shall be Enemies to you, whether they be Europeans or Natives: That you shall have liberty to take into yo^{r} custody & punish at yo^{r} discretion any y^{t} shalbe yo^{r} Debtors; or doe any wrong or injury to any English man, Of which o^{r} Chief & Council to be o^{r} constant Judges.

3. If you cannot obtain all such beneficial terms as aforesaid, Get y^{e} best terms you can & settle a factory there by all of you y^{t} shall survive, (except Cap^{t} Goodlad) if you find y^{e} trade of y^{t} place may possibly, in time countervail Such a chargeable settlem^{t}. But if you find it doubtfull whether y^{e} place will answer such a charge, in that case we would have you leave only M^{r} Moody Chief, M^{r} Bagwell Second, & M^{r} Stephen Mabb Writer who goes along with you & is to succeed & be of o^{r} Council in case of y^{e} death of M^{r}. Moody or M^{r} Bagwell.

4. But if there be noe encouragem^{t} for y^{e} [settling] of a factory upon that Island, we would have you all proceed with y^{e} Ship from Mindano, first to y^{e} Islands of Nankeen in China, & thence to y^{e} Lampacoa Islands with y^{e} change of y^{e} Monsoon, & at either or both of those places endeavo^{r} to dispose of o^{r} Cargo for o^{r} most advantage, investing y^{e} proceeds of it in Copp^{r}. Tutenag, Vermilian, Gold, China Raw Silk, Pelon [. . . any] other China Silks w^{ch} you judge may turn us best to acc^{o}. [All w^{ch} you are] to consign to o^{r} Agent & Council at ffort S^{t} George where we shall [. . . M^{r}. Cheny] youngest of o^{r} Council upon his

arrival there, & Mr Moody in some of or. Subordinate Councils to yt Presidency, & leave it to or Presidt & Councils discrecon to dispose of Mr. Bagwell & Mr Mabb according to their sufficiency.

5. We would have you outward bound for Mindano to go thro' ye streights of Ballio, & have given instrucc̃ons to Capt. Goodlad accordingly. And tho' before in this lre, & by or Invoices & bils of loading aforesaid, or Cargo is to be disposed of at Mindano, yet if you shall find a vent for any part of or Cargo to yor. liking upon ye. Island Ballio, Maçassar, Seram & Celebes, Ternattee, or any other Island or place where you may have occasion to touch in this voiage, you may dispose thereof to or most advantage in truck for Cloves Mace Nutts Sapan, or Sandall wood, Tortois shells Fine Cassialignũ, or any other Comodity yt you shall reasonably judge may turn us to acco at ye Nankeen or Lampacoa Islands, ffort St. George, or in Europe.

6. The only danger we apprehend in this voyage is, lest going too late in ye year, you should fail of getting farr enough to ye Eastward to arrive at Mindano with ye next Westerly Monsoon. To prevent wch inconvenience, you must always make ye best of yor way & stay as litle a time as is possible at St. Jago for yor refreshmt. After yor departure from whence, get as soon as you can into a high latitude & keep in it as farr as is convenient for yor most speedy going to ye Eastward.

7. But if after all yor endeavors ye Monsoon should so fail you yt you cannot possibly obtain as farr Easterly as ye streights of Ballio; In such case we know noe remedy but to direct you with ye change of ye Monsoon in ye begining of May or thereabouts to go thro ye streights of Sunda & make ye best of yor way for ye Nankeen Islands, & from thence to ye Lampacoa Islands as aforesaid, & get what trade you can at either of those places, & with ye next change of ye Monsoon to stand away for Mindano: Get what trade you can there; & if you find cause for it as aforesaid, make a settlemt there, and from thence order ye Comandr to proceed with ye said Ship & all or goods on board her, directly for ffort St. George thro' ye streights of Ballio or Tymore, & deliver or Effects to or Presidt. & Council there, wth Invoices & bils of loading of whatever you shall ship for or accots on board her.

8. Send likewise to or selves & our Presidt & Council, a full acco of yor voyage & all yor proceedings therein & all ye observacons you can make concerning Trade for ye better improvemt of it in any future attempt of this nature; & whatever els you shall think further requisite for Us or them to know concerning those Eastern parts of the world.

9. Send likewise to or Presidt & Council of ffort St. George, a copy of these Instrucc̃ons, & write them ꝑticularly what English woollen Manufactures may be disposed of at Mindano, or other places near thereunto.

10. In all yor [debates and consultacons in wch] you shall not all concurr in the same opinion, Our Order is yt the greater number of Votes shall prevail, and be esteemed the result and Order of our Councill; But when ever the Votes shall happen to be equal, Vizt two of one Opinion & two of another, that Opinion shall prevail and be observed which is agreable to the sense of our Chief Mr Cheney, and let such as dissent from the Majority of Votes express the reasons of their non-concurrence therein.

11. During the whole Voyage, we would have every thing done by Consultacon; and an exact Register kept of all yor Consultacons, & sent us yearly, & yt all ye miscarriages wch you have formerly observed in our Agent and Councill at Bantam may be carefully avoided, Vizt. vain, unnecessary expences, Idleness, prophaness, empty and careless advices, for prevention whereof our principall Reliance is upon our Chief Mr. Cheney, who hath seen the extravagancies of Bantam, and the ill consequence and losses that ensued, there upon.

12. You know the great liberty of trade we give in India, being willing our Servants, should grow rich by honest Incomes: But in regard We have been at great charge in freighting this Ship it must be our Chief & Councils care, & particularly Captaine Goodlads, that no Goods be carryed in her from any Port to

another in India, but what shall duly pay us freight, Viz^{t}. all Spices 20^{s} ℔ C^{d} w^{tt} all other goods according to Custom. And altho' we doe prohibit you from bringing any Spices [whatever for] Europe for yo^{r} own or any & ℔tic^{r}. acco^{t}. Yet y^{t} you may not want due encouragem^{t} in this Undertaking, We shall order o^{r} Agent & Councill at ffort S^{t} George to pay you for y^{e} best Cloves, One Doll^{r} ℔ pound for y^{e} best Nutts $\frac{4}{5}^{ths}$ of a Doll^{r} ℔ pound for y^{e} best large mace two Doll^{rs} ℔ [lb] ffor y^{e} inferio^{r} sort ℔ rata According to w^{ch} prices we have consented & we [doe however order] you to deliver what you have for yo^{r} own or friends acco^{t}. to o^{r} Presid^{t}. & Councill at ffort S^{t} George, God sending you safely to arrive there.

13. We have only to add, for yo^{r} encouragem^{t}, God assisting you to make Us a very good voyage, we shall order o^{r} Presid^{t}. & Council to give a very good gratuity to all y^{t} are of o^{r} Council for this voyage; besides y^{e} salary agreed; & for Cap^{t}. Goodlad, to whom we have assigned noe certain salary for serving us in a Mercantile way this voyage, We shall not only doubly reward him for his cares & pains therein, but shall take care for his future ℔^{r}ferm^{t} in o^{r} service.

14. If beyond o^{r} expectacon you should meet with sales for y^{e} most part of o^{r} Cargo at or before you come to Mindano, & competent returns, in such case you may wholly omit going to China, & return y^{e} Ship with o^{r} Cargo imediately to ffort S^{t} George, repassing thro' y^{e} streights of Ballio, or some other streight to the [*a few words lost*] with the Dutch, if they should have Ships riding in or near y^{e} streights of Ballio against your return homeward.

15. Tho we have before [.....for a Fort] to be built at Mindano (if that Island prove a place of trade) we would not have you engage Us in any kind of charge of that kind this voiage, or out of this small Cargo. But if y^{e} King be rich & powerful, you may perswade him to doe whatever may tend to his own defence & security, & give him y^{e} best advice you can; but let all be done at his own charge: ffor you may tell him, o^{r} custom is not to bear any charge of building & until we have had 4 or 5 years experience of y^{e} trade of any new place.

16. What presents you think fit to give to y^{e} King of Mindano, having a respect to y^{e} Comp^{a}. interest, We doe hereby leave it to yo^{r} judgm^{t} & frugality for disposal of what o^{r} Cargo offords.

17. We have often ineffectually wrote to o^{r} late Agent & Council at [Bantam] to procure Nutmeg plants, & Clove plants, & also Male Cloves for Seed, w^{ch} we think would be of vast advantage to this Kingdom if we could [cultivate] in some other parts of India. We doe therefore desire you to get w^{t} you can of those Plants or Seeds, preserving y^{e} Plants carefully in boxes of Earth & sometimes watering them with fresh water: And keep y^{e} Male Cloves dry in small boxes, but not too thick for fear of [holding] together which may destroy their vegetive quality.

18. Prick likewise in boxes of Earth, some of the Male Cloves, & water them as y^{e} Plants, y^{t} they may sprout & grow in y^{e} Boxes. But over all y^{e} [boxes of Earth] you must make a cage of wyer to preserve them from the Rats, w^{ch} otherwise will destroy them before you get to ffort S^{t} George at w^{ch} place we would have you deliver all y^{e} said Plants & Seed Cloves, to our Presid^{t}. & Council.

19. You may doe well before you go, to provide yo^{r} selves of 30 feet of [wyre Gaze] for preserving the Plants aforesaid. We remayn,

Yo^{r} loving friends

[*Endorsed*:] 19th November 1684.—Instrucc̃ons to the Factors & Com̃anders on board the ship Adventure.

LONDON THE 3^{D} SEPTEMBER 1686.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

The 25th ultimo, arrived wth us the Eagle, a very rich Ship from Bengala for which God be praised.

Our Coast Ships we daily expect, and wth them y^{e} good newes of a strong Settlement at Pryaman, and then we shall give you larger Advices then we can at present, for want of your Letters, This being principally to tell you, That we freighted the Adventure Cap^{t}. Goodlad, purposely to goe for Mindano, And sent on board him M^{r}. Cheney, and M^{r} Moody &c^{a} Council to negotiate such affaires there, as you will perceive by the secret Instruccons w^{ch} we gave the said Commander M^{r} Cheney &c^{a}. of which we send you a Copy enclosed, & likewise a Copy of said Cap^{t}. Goodlads Chrĕparty, to the intent, You may see, what our purpose was in that Voyage, and what y^{e} reason was, that we gave so considerable Sallaries and Priviledges to M^{r} Cheney and M^{r} Moody, And likewise gave a promise to M^{r} Cheney, that performing this Voyage faithfully and acceptably, he should be youngest of our Council upon his arrivall at Fort S^{t} George; But by some Lrĕs, We have seen from Cap^{t}. Goodlad and M^{r} Cheney, to particular friends, dated in the Latitude of the Island of Tristan de Achuna, We have cause to mistrust, that they intend to goe to Batavia, to sell their own Liquors, and from thence to Chyna, neglecting to go to Mindano, to contract with that King, and bring us Intelligence from thence, and of their passage thrô the Streights of Balleo, which we required them to make, in order to our better knowledg of y^{t} navigacon, and for which purposes only we undertooke that Voyage and therefore in punishment of the said M^{r} Cheney for agreeing with the Cap^{t}. to neglect the principal part of his Voyage, we do hereby actually displace the said M^{r} Cheney from our service, Upon his arrivall at Fort S^{t} George requiring you to give him no entertainment, as a Servant of ours, nor any of the promised priviledges to him, except he have absolutely been at Mindano according to our orders, and has navigated thrô the Straights of Ballio, The Straights of Tymore or Solor, or some of those Straights to the Eastward of Java, and that no excuses [or pretences] be allowed for his not doing thereof, [After y^{e}] punishment of the Cap^{t}. for his neglect, we would have you load his Ship home with the coarsest and meanest of your Goods, And when he returnes hither, he shall shew us better reasons for his neglect, then any we think he can, before ever we will employ him, or that ship again, It tending to the destruccon of all Government, if we should let pass such notorious breach of order unpunished, whatever other good Success my attend the Voyage.

M^{r} Moody is a plain hearted, bussling hardy man, and we think diligent, and one that would have adventured according to his undertaking, If his craftier Leaders had not misguided him, and therefore we would have you prefer him in our service, according to his Stacon in India.

Wee remaine,

Your Loveing friends
Jos^{a} Child Gov^{r}.
Worcester.
Hen: Johnson.
John Moore.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Jam: Ward.
Edw; Des Bouverie.
Tho: Rawlinson.
Ro: Marshall.
George Boun.
R: Herne.
John Goodere.
R. Hutchinson.
Tho: Cooke.

[*Endorsed*:] Comp^{as} Generall to Fort S^{t}. George dated 3^{d} Sept^{r}. 1686.—Ship Cæsar—9.

OUR GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT PRIAMAN OR ELSEWHERE ON THE WEST COAST OF SUMATRA. LONDON 9TH JUNE 1686.

By the Copy of Instructions you had from Fort S^{t}: George when you Saild from thence, wth the Resolution and Defence &c^{t}, Wee are left at Some uncertainty as to y^{e} place or places where you are Setled & fortified, which is the reason of y^{e} uncertain direction of this Pacquett.

Landing of mony or goods at Priaman or Sillybarr Left to their owne discression as likewise y^{e} Disposall of y^{e} recruite of Souldiers now sent.

What money & goods wee have Sent you by this Ship you will See by our Invoices & Bills of Loading, but what part thereof is necessary for our Service to be landed at Sillibar or what part thereof at Priaman, or elsewhere on y^{t} Coast, Wee must for want of advices leave to your descretions the like wee Say as to y^{e} Souldiers which we have Sent by this Ship for recruite of your Garrisons, you must despose of them where you think may be Most need to defend our Interest: against y^{e} Natives or y^{e} Dutch if they Should attempt to disturb your trade or Settlement upon y^{t}: Coast It being our resolution never to loose any thing again basely or Cowardly as Bantam was lost.

y^{e} Right. Honob^{le}: Compas resolution their intrest on y^{e} west costcowerdly or basely as did Bant. major pt: of all mony and goods to be landed where Mr Ord resides in whose managery they have great Confidence. The Shipp not to stay above 3 days at any factory or y^{e} Capt. to touch at any other places upon any pretence.

Our greatest part of Money & goods on board this Ship Wee would have left in that place only where M^{r}: Ord is our Governour Resident (because our greatest confidence is in his experienced and prudent Mannagement of our affaires) and nothing to be put on Shore out of this Ship at any other place, but what is of absolute Necessity; or whereof a present Sale or Investm^{t}: can be made in Pepper, to be immediately put on board this Ship, without Staying above Three dayes at any place, where Wee have a Factory upon that Coast, untill She arrive at our head ffactory or cheif Government upon y^{t} Island Neither is the Captain to Stay at all at any place upon that Island where wee have no ffactors upon any business of his own, or upon any pretence whatsoever.

Cordige sent by y^{e} ship to be sent to fort S^{t}: George.

Wee have on board this Ship as you will see a great quantity of Cordage, which wee doe not expect Should Sell with you, but know it is wanted at ffort S^{t}: George, Wee do therefore require You to Send it to Our President & Councill, there by y^{e} first oppertunity you have of Vacant toñage to y^{e} ffort in any of our freighted Ships or Sloops that you shall have occasion to send thither, that y^{e}: freight to y^{t}: place May Stand us in little or nothing.

muskett^{s} to be imediately sould or sent to y^{e} Coast.

Wee have likewise on board a considerable quantity of Small Musketts, which wee were Invited to buy by reason wee had a great penny worth in them which wee enjoyn you to make Sale of Speedily by all y^{e} oppertunities you have upon that Coast, and what you think of them you cannot Sell upon that Coast, Send likewise to ffort S^{t}: George as soon as you can, that We may have no Stock lying dead at any Place of any considerable value but only at y^{e} ffort, which wee resolve shall be our Magazine for all Stores of Goods & other things of use for all Subordinate fforts or ffactoryes to that Presidency.

Souldiers to be strictly kept to y^{er}: duty.

Bee very carefull that your armourer keeps all your arms constantly clean and well fixed Ready for Service, and keep yo^{r}: Souldiers to Strict duty, alwaies Standing upon your gaurd as if an enemy were at your gates. Which is the way to preserve good Order amongst them, and never to be Surpriz'd by an enemy unprovided.

Keep all your officers & Souldiers constantly lodged in Barrocks or Hutts within our ffort as wee have formerly order'd: and Suffer no officer or Souldeir to lye one night out of y^e^ ffort under Severe penalties inexorably inflicted on the offenders.

officers and Souldiers to be loged in y^e^ fort.

Let all immaginable dispatch be made in y^e^ discharge of this Ship, and reloading her with what pepper You have in readiness (be it little or Much, with which dispatch her to our Agent and Council in Bengall, within 14 dayes after her Arrivall, w^th^: you, and be sure that w^th^ in that time, You fail not to give y^e^ Captain his Sailing Orders, or dispatches, that if y^e^ Captain Should Stay longer about his own business you may be clear of y^e^ blame & wee of y^e^ Demorage for the time hee loiters away afterwards.

Shipp to be dispatcht for Bangall within 14 days after her Arrivall.

Wee give you y^e^ Short time aforesaid for y^e^ despatch of this Ship, because Wee would hasten her down into y^e^ Bay to Visit & Countenance Our Agent and Council there, who have been basely abused by the Native Gov^rs^: of Bengall, who in consequence may for ought Wee know be in hostility, with them & want y^e^ Aid of Such a considerable a Ship as this is, so that if you can fully load her w^th^: Pepper in the time before prefixt, Wee Shall esteem it most acceptable Service and value your delligence accordingly But except You have cause to hope you shall be able fully to load her with pepper, keep her not above the first limitted 14 dayes in which time put all y^e^ Pepper you can possibly Procure aboard of her, and consign it to our Agent and Council in Bengall to whom Send forward our Pacquett inclosed by y^e^ Command^r^ Captain Consett, and if before Captain Consetts departure from you, any oppertunity present for y^e^ Safe conveyance of a letter to Bengall, Send by Such Previous conveyance one Copy of our Said enclosed Letter to our Agent and Council in Bengall, for w^ch^: purpose Wee have Sent you with this a Duplicate thereof.

pacquett to Bangall: to be forwarded with all possible speed and Security.

Notwithstanding all wee have Said before & y^e^ reall cause there is that this Ship Should be expeditiously dispatch'd to y^e^ Countenance, and assistance of our Agent and Councill in Bengall, Yett if you are in present apparent danger of any attempts of y^e^ Dutch, or y^e^ Natives powerfull disturbing your Setlement, you may keep this Ship longer upon that Coast for your own defence notwithstanding both our former limitations, But wee Shall think you men unworthy of any trust, if from this Indullgence of ours you Should take a pretence to delay y^e^ Ship in Compliance w^th^: y^e^: Captains own private designs, or for other Negligent private or sinister respect whatsoever.

y^e^ shipp notwithstanding what s^d^ before may upon apparent dager from our Enymys be kept with you and not else.

A further ground of our enjoyñd Expedicon in this affair is, Wee cant tell but our differences in Bengall w^th^: y^e^ Moors Gov^rs^: may have causd hostilities between our Generall & Councill of Bombay & y^e^ Mogulls Gov^rs^: at Suratt, in w^ch^ case Bombay may happen to be Straitned of Provisions & otherwise to Stand in need of y^e^ Countenance & aid of a Ship of Such great force as this is, and therefore (as you may perceive by our letter to Bengall) Wee are as earnest to have her dispatchd w^th^: provisions from Bengall to Bombay, as wee are to have her dispatchd from you with Pepper to our Agent & Council in y^e^ Bay.

if occation requires then y^e^ Shipp to be dispatch't for Bangall with provision to B. B.

Wee doe not possitively order you to send any of y^e^ Souldeirs on board this Ship to Bengall, because Wee know not whither o^r^: differences there with y^e^ Moors, be grown to Such an Heighth y^t^: our Agent and Council there, will have any need of recruits, Neither do we know yett whether you have one Garrison on y^e^ West Coast of Sumatra, or 2 nor consequently what recruits of English Souldeirs you may Stand in need of, but you must have fresher Intelligence from the Bay, then it is possible for us here, and therefore if you find by your Intelligence, that our Agent &c^t^: may stand in need of more English Souldeirs, and that you can Spare them for the Present, wee would have you not only Send them halfe y^e^ Souldeirs on board this Ship But also 60 or 80 Buggess: or Maccassar Souldeirs more to encrease our Strength in y^e^ Bay.

What Souldiers can be Spared from y^e^ west cost as well maccassars as others to be sent to assist at Bangall if they are in want there off.

Wee would have you as you have oppertunity to be sending some Maccassars and Buggesses or of other casts different from those usually employd at ffort S^t^:

Maccassas and natives to be sent

to y^r fort till Contradicted by ym:

George for Souldeirs, untill Our President &c^t: there, shall write to y^e Contrary, It being by such wise Ballanceing the Power of Various Casts of Natives that y^e Dutch govern so great a Proportion of India, their Native Dutch being not one to tenn thousand of those that live under their Domminions.

Wee have not else to add, but comending you & our affaires to y^e guidence of the Allmightie. Wee Remaine

Yo^r: Very Lov̄: ffrein^d.
Jos^A: Child Gov^r.
Ben: Bathurst: Dep^t.
Berkeley.
Jn^o: Moore.
Tho: Chamber.
Tho: Rawlinson.
Gforge Boun.
Rich^D Herne.
Nath^LL: Mountenev.
Rich^D: Hutchinson.
Rob^T: Marshall.
Jam^S: Ward.
Rich^D. Herne.
Jn^o: Goodere.
Jn^o: Creed.
Edw^D: des Bouverie.

P.S.

Mr. Mountague ordred for y^e west coast for 3 years or may proceed for y^e ffort at 15 £ per añ:

We have entertained M^r: Edm^d: Mountague (who formerly served us In y^e South Seas) to be o^r: ffactor for 3 y^rs: to be of our Councill at Priaman or such other place where o^r: Chief M^r: Ord Shall Settle at thirty pounds ℔ Ann: But if upon his Arrivall there, he Shall desire to remove to ffort St: George you are to permitt him so to doe, where hee is to Serve us at y^e Sallary of fifteene pounds ℔ annum.

Worcester.

[*Endorsed:*] Copy of the Generall from y^e R^t. Hono^ble Comp^a to the West Coast of Sumatra dated 9^th June & rec^d y^e 29 xber 1686—ffor ffort St. George—rec^d ℔ Royal James 6^th May 1687—Entred ℔ E. M.—from England ℔ Shipp Berkley Castell.

London 12^TH October 1686.

Our President & Council
At Fort S^t. George.

These two men Peter Gregory and Samuel Hinchman We have entertained for Sarjeants in regard of their long experience of India, and the Languages they have attained. And you are accordingly to allow them equall pay with any other English Sarjeants in that Garrison, concerning which We shall write you more largely in our Gen^ll. Lr̄e Wee are,

Your Loving Friends.

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